

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

August 31st, 2020

MINUTE BOOK 367

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Trip Hairston	Supervisor, District 2
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3, Board Vice President
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	Sheriff
Cindy Egger Goode	Chancery Clerk
County Staff Members	
Members of News Media	
County Citizens	

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- I. Call to Order, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- II. Presiding, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- III. Invocation, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

**I  
Adopt Agenda**

**A. Agenda Review**

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

A. Approve August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

A. County Claims docket period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes county claims docket period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Second by Supervisor Sanders. . Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. July 2020 financials

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes July 2020 financials. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**Cindy E. Goode**  
**Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes surety bond for Farrah Robinson Day as Assistant Purchasing Clerk and Richard Jones as Appointed Deputy Sheriff. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Cindy Lawrence**  
**EMS Director**  
**&**  
**Supervisor Jeff Smith**

Update on community wide storm shelters.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to designate Artesia, Crawford and West Lowndes area as three priority areas to secure storm shelters. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the EMS Director to apply for FEMA grants and encourage all municipalities to apply for grants for community wide storm shelters. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**VI**

**Greg Andrews**

**Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

**A. Real & Personal Property (Audit Changes) 2019**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to spread on the minutes the Real and Personal Property (Audit Changes) 2019. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-1. Supervisor Smith abstained and Supervisor Brooks stepped out of meeting. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Delta Computer Software Support**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to spread on the minutes the Delta Computer Software Support Agreement. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-1. Supervisor Smith abstained and Supervisor Brooks stepped out of meeting. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**PUBLIC HEARING  
REAL AND PERSONAL ROLLS**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to open the Public Hearing for Real & Personal Rols. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. Supervisor Brooks stepped out of meeting.

No one present for Public Hearing.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to close the Public Hearing. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**C. 2020 Tax Protest withdrawals**

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes 2020 tax protest withdrawals. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII**

**George Crawford**

**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District**

**A. ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) Project**

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the ARC- Appalachian Regional Commission Project. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII**  
**John Holliman**  
**Vice President Board of Supervisors**  
**For Ronnie Burns Road Manager**

- A. Board reports for July and August 2020

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the reports for July and August 2020. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

- A. Right-of-Way Certification Report APL-044(36)B – Charleigh Ford Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize Supervisor John Holliman, Vice President to sign the Right-of-Way Certification Report APL-044(36)B; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Quotes for Right-of-Way fence Wolfe Road STP-0753(3)B

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the quote from Academy Fence Company for \$7,217.15 for Right-of-Way fence on Wolfe Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Atmos Energy Utility Permits for:

Taylor Thurston Road – Freestone - Elm Lake - Elm Cove  
Cobh Lane - Rhodes Lane - Stoneridge Walk - New Hope Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Atmos Energy Utility Permits for new natural gas main on Taylor Thurston Road – Freestone Elm Lake - Elm Cove - Cobh Lane - Rhodes Lane - Stoneridge Walk - New Hope Road; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Offer Appraisal Value to Landowners – Duncan Road LSBP-44(16)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston authorizing the appraised value to landowners Duncan Road LSBP-44(16). Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Invoice – Stewart Stafford – Duncan Road Bridge Project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders authorize payment of the invoice from Stewart Stafford for Duncan Road Bridge Project. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Update on Confederate Monument – MDAH received Notice of Intent.  
No action taken.

**X.**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the hiring of Debbie Culpepper at a rate of \$13.42/hour effective date of hire 8 September 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. FMLA

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve Detention Officer Michael Livingston for 12 weeks of Family Medical leave; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI.**

**Ralph Billingsley  
Lowndes County Administrator**

A. New Hires E911

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the hiring of Tabitha H. Barham as Dispatcher effective 26 August 2020 with a rate of pay \$12.00/hour and Nicholas Staley full-time dispatcher effective 1 September 2020 at a rate of \$13.00/hour; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

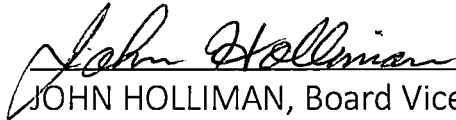
B. Budget Hearing

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and set the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at 9:30 a.m. and permission to advertise budget hearing; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained.

XII  
Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adjourn until Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks & Smith left meeting.



  
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JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk