

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

September 8th, 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, Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- III. Invocation, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I  
**Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

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

**II**  
**Trip Hairston**  
**SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2**

- A. Presentation of Resolution and Recognition of citizen

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt a Resolution recognizing citizen Abigail Grace Turner for her heroic actions that saved her younger siblings from serious injury or death when a fire broke out at their residence; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Brooks. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**Mr. Leronious Jones, Sr.**  
**Lowndes County Concerned Citizen**

Concerned citizen – Harry Sanders resignation. No action taken.

**V**  
**Neal Austin**  
**Lowndes County Fire Coordinator**

- A. Permission to apply for grant for Air Packs

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to grant Lowndes County Fire Coordinator to apply for grants for Air Packs; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**VI**  
**Greg Andrews**  
**Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

- A. 2020 Real & Personal Rolls complete (Recaps)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes 2020 Real & Personal Rolls recaps; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Brooks abstained.

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

A. Surety bonds

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes surety bond for Lauren Alicia Oswalt as Deputy Circuit Clerk; Richard Hunter McBride as Reserve Officer; DeAndra Tysean Lewis as Deputy Tax Collector; and Kimberly Craig as Deputy Tax Collector; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. South Lowndes Water Utility Permit on Whispering Pines Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the South Lowndes Water Association Water Utility Permit for a water main on Whispering Pines Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Assistant County Administrator**

A. Appointment of Link board position

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Dennis Erby to a planned three (3) year term on the Link Board; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0

**X**  
**Tim Hudson**  
**Lowndes County Board Attorney**

A. Preservation of County Records

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the agreement between Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and the Chancery Clerk authorizing the Chancery Clerk to preserve, maintain and store all essential public records. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Harry Sanders.

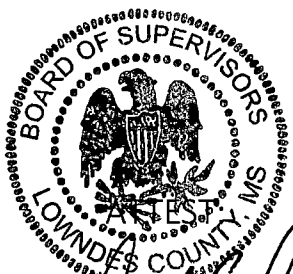
Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss two (2) pending legal matters. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks grant permission to employ attorney, Chris Pace, to assist Board Attorney Tim Hudson with a legal matter concerning tax increase; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

## XI Recess

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess until Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.



*Cindy E. Goode*

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

*John Holliman*

JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President