

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

September 15th, 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 15th 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, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- II. Presiding, John Holliman, Board Vice President
- III. Invocation, Jeff Smith, Supervisor District 4
- 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 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve September 8th, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the September 8th, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith abstained. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending September 15, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending September 15, 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith abstained. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

- A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports August 2020, interest \$397.95 and \$65.00 unclaimed funds; Civil collections \$20,525.53 and Criminal collections \$76,830.98 for the month of August 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of August 2020 for 5,746.36; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. Project #STP-0753(3)B – Wolfe Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the Order Authorizing Lowndes County to transfer additional funds to complete Project #STP-0753(3)B;

Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approve bid withdrawal on Horse Park Parking Lot Project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to accept the letter by Site Masters Construction, Inc., requesting to be released from their bid due to a mistake with the calculations of the bid; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Award Horse Park Parking Lot bid

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to accept and award the Horse Park Parking Lot bid to the seconded highest bidder - Robertson Excavating Co., Inc., \$386,461.00; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI

Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. August 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the August 2020 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

Ralph Billingsley
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Set Trust Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Smith to set Trust Meeting for Wednesday, 30 September 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

B. Adopt Beaver Control Contract

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt Beaver control Contract; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Smith abstained

C. Approve Building Inspection Agreement with Town of Artesia

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Building Inspection Agreement with Town of Artesia; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

D. Approve EMA Performance Grant

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept the EMA Performance Grant of \$752.50 to replace older computer in EMA department to be matched by county; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

VIII
Jeff Smith
Supervisor District 4

Motion by Supervisor Smith to install speed bumps on Pecan Lane; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

BUDGET HEARING – 9:30 A.M.

Open Public Hearing on Budget.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to close the public hearing on budget; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

COUNTY BUDGET
JOHN HOLLIMAN
VICE PRESIDENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. Adopt Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the 2021 budget as recommended by County Administrator and CFO; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Set Fiscal Year 2021 Lowndes County Millage

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to set the total mileage for Lowndes County at 43.26 mills; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Based on a finding that the Lowndes County School Board has requested increased funding that improperly includes new property that does not meet the definition set out in the applicable laws of the State of Mississippi, and the School board's definition of new property causes the exclusion of a referendum mandated by Mississippi law, Supervisor Smith moved to approve

the School Board's funding request excluding the \$3,352,075.00 claimed as new property by the School Board. Supervisor Brooks seconded said motion and the matter was called to a vote. Vote 5-0.

C. Set Fiscal Year 2021 Lowndes County School Millage

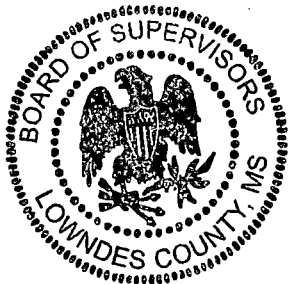
Motion by Supervisor Hairston to set the total mileage for the Lowndes County School District at 44.76 mills; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread the Lowndes County School's request on the minutes and further to set total millage for Lowndes County at 88.02 mills; Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K & L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to associate Chris Pace to file declaratory action asking the court to decide whether the Lowndes County or the School District is correct with regard to the interpretation of new property. Vote 5-0.

IX
Recess

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



John Holliman

JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President

ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

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