

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

October 15th, 2020

MINUTE BOOK 368/369

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, Thursday, the 15th day of October, 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, Trip Hairston, Supervisor District 2
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

I
Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve October 5th, 2020 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve October 5th, 2020 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III
Lowndes County Citizen Sherry Ellis
and
Lowndes County NAACP President LaVonne Harris**

Supervisor Sanders comments and Board Presidency.

No action taken.

**IV
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager**

- A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the following new hires and promotion;

Mariena Campbell as litter control crew member on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour; James Allen as a Class II Operator on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$16.04 per hour; Greg Ferguson as a Class II Driver on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$16.04 per hour; Mason Rushing as Crewmember on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$14.60 per hour; and Michael Wyatt Stapp as Crewmember on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$14.60 per hour all new hires with a 6 month probationary period; and the promotion of Wayne Houk to Class II Driver on October 19th, 2020 at a rate of \$16.04 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V
John Holliman
Supervisor District 3**

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to appoint Trip Hairston as Board President effective first Monday in November 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-2. Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith opposed.

Statements by each board member. Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith leave the board meeting.

VI.
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

A. County Claims Docket period ending October 15, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims Docket period ending October 15, 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. September 2020 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes September 2020 Financials; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Record Retention for Administration Office

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Administration Office request for inventory retention; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Fiscal Year 2020 Amended Budget

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Fiscal Year 2020 Amended Budget; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. 2020 Inventory Reports

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes 2020 Inventory Reports for September 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve surplus property list, declare 3 vehicles surplus and authorize Board Vice President to sign vehicle titles; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Reid Nevins
Lowndes County Extension Agent

Introduction of new Community Wellness Planner – Angela McCoy.

No action taken.

VIII.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes surety bonds for Jessie Anderson and Jimmy Cockerham as Appointed Deputy Transportation officers; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for interest of \$335.90 for the month of September, 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for \$8,834.32 for the month of September 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Sixteenth Section Land Leases

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Sixteenth Section Land Leases for Chris & Kristi Knight and Desiree Wilson; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Collector/Assessor

A. 1 Mill Approved (Dept. of Revenue)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve 1 Mill levy collected for the 2020 roll year; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors

Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Insolvents (Mobile Homes & Personal Property)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Insolvents (Mobile Homes & Personal Property); Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Collector of Revenue 1 (Education)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the continuing education certification of Ashley Jennings, Joshua Morgan, Susie Pritchard, Kalee Talley, Joe Tilley, Leigh Anne Greggs, and Shelia Jones as Collector of Revenue 1; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Tax Refund – Albert Brooks (Dept. of Revenue)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the tax refund for Albert Brooks for \$3,424.38, PPIN 21606 due to the Department of Revenue on 25 February 2017 stating Mr. Brooks was decease – homestead rejected in error by the State of Mississippi. According to the Audit Department, the Department of Revenue cannot refund an individual, but can a County; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X

**Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Caledonia Water Utility Permit – Stevens Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Water & Sewer Department utility permit for a $\frac{3}{4}$ water service line along Stevens Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Atmos Energy Utility Permit – Hope Springs Road

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Atmos Energy utility permit for a natural gas main along Hope Springs Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Set Date to Receive Bids – Charleigh Ford Drive

Discussion only – no action taken

XI.

**Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. September 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Meal Log for September 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Homeland Security Grant

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept and spread on the minutes the Homeland Security Grant for \$20,000.00; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.

**Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator**

A. New Hire – E911

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to hire U'neco Harris as a part-time dispatcher at Lowndes County Emergency Services E911 effective 12 October 2020 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Upon completion of training, she will be promoted to a full time dispatcher at same rate of pay; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approve Salute to Veterans Ad

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the Salute to Veterans Ad to advertise county resources; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present.

C. Approve Veterans' Day Holiday

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and observe Veterans' Day Holiday, Wednesday, 11 November 2020; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present.


XIII
Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn until Monday, November 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-0. Supervisors Brooks and Supervisor Smith were not present.



JOHN HOLLIMAN, Board Vice President





Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk