

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

AUGUST 31ST, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 375

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Tuesday, the 31st day of August 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- I. Call to Order, Trip Hairston, Board President
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Jeff Smith, Supervisor, District 4
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

I

Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

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

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve August 16th, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve August 16th, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending August 31st, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending August 31st, 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list and declare said items surplus; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Sarah Barnes
Lowndes County Assistant Purchasing Clerk

- A. Award bid 5 Million Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bid for Asphalt Overlay 5 Million Road Plan to APAC; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Award bid Road Striping 5 Million Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bid for Road Striping 5 Million Road Plan to J. C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Award bid Double Bituminous Surface Treatment and Reseal Surfacing Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award bid for Double Bituminous Surface Treatment and Reseal Surfacing Road Plan to Kimes & Stone; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for August 2021 and work schedule for September 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the promotion of Jason Harrison from Class II Operator to Class I Operator beginning 31 August 2021, with a salary of \$17.04 per hour. Pay broken down as follows: 25 August – 30 August 2021 will be 30 hours at rate of \$16.04/hr.; from 31 August – 8 September 2021 will be 60 hours at rate of \$17.04/hr.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the promotion of Sam Moore from Class I Driver to Maintenance Operator beginning 31 August 2021, with a salary of \$17.79 per hour. Pay broken down as follows: 25 August – 30 August 2021 will be 30 hours at rate of \$17.04/hr.; from 31 August – 8 September 2021 will be 60 hours at rate of \$17.79/hr.; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the promotion of Brandon Bushey from Class II Operator to Class I Operator beginning 31 August 2021, with a salary of \$17.04 per hour. Pay broken down as follows: 25 August – 30 August 2021 will be 30 hours at rate of \$16.04/hr.; from 31 August – 8 September 2021 will be 60 hours at rate of \$17.04/hr.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Hunter Gilliam as Crew Member beginning 31 August 2021 with a rate of \$14.60 per hour with a 6-month probationary period; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.
Jeff Smith
Lowndes County Supervisor District 4

A. Assist City with Cherry Picking Gregory & Chandler Roads

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Road Department to assist City of Columbus with Cherry Picking on Gregory & Chandler Roads; Second by Supervisor Smith.

Vote: Sanders-nay
Hairston - aye
Holliman - aye
Smith - aye
Brooks - aye

- B. Permission to pave lots Community Centers New Hope, Shady Lane, Crawford

Motion by Supervisor Sanders pave all lots at New Hope, Shady Lane and Crawford Community Centers; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

VII.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

Updated Board from EMA Director Cindy Lawrence – minimal damage from Tropical Storm Ida.

- A. Magby Creek & TRVWMD

Motion by Supervisor Smith requests that based on the finding that Magby Creek at Tallaha Drive has become overgrown, move to contact TRVWMD and Corp of Engineers to clean Magby Creek; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

- B. Redistricting Update

Update – no action taken.

- C. Golden Triangle Development LINK Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to appoint Chad Thomas to serve on Golden Triangle Development LINK Board; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

- D. EMCC Board Resignation and Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Smith to grant permission to advertise for EMCC Board; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

- E. American Rescue Plan Discussion

Discussion – no action taken.

IX.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. SAP Joint Letter of Project Acceptance Wolfe Road Box

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Contract for Surface Transportation Program Project #STP-0753(3)B; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Copy of Wetland Determination Proposal for Manufactures Loop

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the Wetland Determination Proposal for Manufactures Loop; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. AT&T Utility Permits (5)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes five (5) AT&T Utility Permits for residential fiber optic network and buried telecommunication facilities (see permits for roads); Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

- A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bonds for Andrew Thomas Gill – Reserve Deputy; Rachel Bethany Richardson – Appointed Deputy Sheriff; and Brad Thomas Holliman – Assistant Receiving Clerk; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

- A. New Hire – Detention Officer

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the following hires: Claude Michael Shackelford as Detention Officer at a rate of pay \$13.42 per hour effective August 9, 2021; Ashle Sharnel Gordon as Detention Officer at a rate of pay \$13.42 per hour effective September 1, 2021; Ian Baker Halbert as Detention Officer at a rate of pay \$13.42 per hour effective September 13, 2021; Rachel Richardson as Deputy Sheriff at a rate of pay \$17.50 per hour effective August 30, 2021; and Andrew Thomas Gill as Reserve Deputy Sheriff at a rate of pay

\$10.00 per hour effective August 11, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks.
Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Budget Workshop

No action taken.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Tuesday, September 7th, 2021;
seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



Cindy E. Goode

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

Trip Hairston

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President