

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 376

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Wednesday, the 15TH day of September 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.	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, John Holliman, Supervisor, District 3
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

I

Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Smith 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 September 7th, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve September 7th, 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 September 15th, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending September 15th, 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Financial Reports – August 2021

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Financial Reports for August 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Shelley Strickland
Lowndes County Emergency Services
Address Coordinator

- A. New (Private) Drive: Spencer Lane District 3

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Spencer Lane as a new private drive; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. New County Road Names (2) to replace Co-Op Road with North Dennis Trail and South Dennis Trail District 2

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve (2) new county road names North Dennis Trail and South Dennis Trail to replace Co-op Road for E911 purposes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

- A. Lowndes County Interlocal Agreement with City of Starkville regarding Juvenile Detention 2021

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Interlocal Agreement between Lowndes County, Ms. and City of Starkville for housing of Starkville juvenile offenders at the Lowndes County Juvenile Detention Center; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Adopt Beaver Control Contract

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Beaver Control Contract, effective 1 October 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Permission for Junior Auxiliary Ad

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve advertising county resources in Junior Auxiliary ad; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

- D. Set Trust Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Smith to set Trust Meeting for 30 September 2021, after the regularly scheduled board meeting; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

VI.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. Recommendation of Concession Building – Horse Park

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept the recommendation by Lowndes County Engineer to reject bids for Concession Building at Horse Park and project and rebid for a later date. Ethos Contracting Group, LLC., bid was rejected and not opened upon recommendation of County Engineer based upon a potential conflict of interest and the concurrence of the Board Attorney. Flagstar Construction Company, Inc. received and read aloud for \$862,000. This bid is exceeded 10% of the Engineer's cost estimate; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. 16th Section Lease

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 16th Section Lease for Geraline Allbritton Holliman; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Dispensing of Special Election November 2, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Resolution dispensing with the November 2, 2021, Special Election as there was only one person duly qualified for this office. The Board appoints William Starks as County Prosecuting Attorney; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. Meal Log – August 2021

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the August 2021 meal log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire – Detention Officer

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Rotrik Varshawel Morris as Detention Officer beginning 13 September 2021, rate of \$13.42 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Tim Hudson
Board Attorney

A. Appraisal and Contract for Sale of Property – Willcutt Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to offer for sale a lot and building located on Willcutt Road.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to table the motion; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 2-3. Supervisors Brooks and Smith voted in favor of tabling motion, Supervisors Sanders, Holliman and Hairston opposed. Motion did not pass.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Supervisor Sanders to approve the offer to sale a lot and building located on Willcutt Road and spread on the minutes the appraisal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING 9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Hairston opened Public Budget Hearing.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Supervisor Hairston closed Public Budget Hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

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

Trip Hairston Board President

A. Adopt Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and adopt Fiscal Year 2022 budget as recommended by County Administrator and CFO; Second Supervisor Sanders.

Substitute motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Fiscal Year 2022 budget with millage of 41.26 same as last year Fiscal Year 2021 budget millage; Second Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-1, Supervisor Brooks abstained. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Set Fiscal Year 2022 Lowndes County Millage

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to set the total mileage for Lowndes County at 41.26 mills; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Set Fiscal Year 2022 Lowndes County School Millage

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to set the total mileage for the Lowndes County School District at 49.87 mills, in excess of what state law allows;

Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Order Board of Education Tax Request

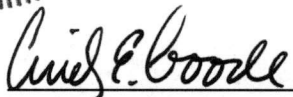
Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Board of Education Order requesting levy of ad valorem taxes; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Thursday, September 30th, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.





TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk