

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

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 15<sup>TH</sup> day of October 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, 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 Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

## **II BOARD MINUTES**

### **A. Approve October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

### **B. Financial Reports – September 2021**

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

### **C. FY2021 Amended Budget**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the FY2021 Amended Budget; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

### **D. FY2021 Inventory Reports**

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the FY2021 Inventory Reports; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

### **E. Surplus Property**

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

**IV.**  
**Greg Andrews**  
**Lowndes County Tax Assessor**

A.     Audit Changes (2020 Roll)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes audit changes 2020 Roll; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B.     Insolvents (2020 Real & Personal)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Insolvents (Mobile Homes & Personal Property) 2020 Real & Personal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A.     EMCC Board Seat Applicants - Presentations

- i.     Honorable Keith Gaskin – Mayor of Columbus
- ii.    Dr. Richard Eubanks – Heart Surgeon
- iii.   Mr. Andy Appel – PACCAR Plant manager

Supervisor Brooks opened the nominations to nominate Dr. Richard Eubanks to replace Greg Stewart's empty EMCC Board seat.

Supervisor Holliman made a motion to close nominations; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Supervisor Brooks moved to declare by acclamation the appointment of Dr. Eubanks to replace Greg Stewart EMCC Board seat with expiration date of 31 March 2025; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Supervisor Sanders opened the nominations to nominate Honorable Keith Gaskin to replace Joe Max Higgins seat.

Supervisor Brooks made a motion to close nominations; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Supervisor Sanders moved to declare by acclamation the appointment of Honorable Keith Gaskin to replace Joe Max Higgins EMCC Board seat with expiration date of 31 March 2023; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B.     Approve ad for Veteran's Special Edition for Commercial Dispatch

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the Salute to Veterans Ad in The Commercial Dispatch to advertise county resources; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. New Hire – Building Inspection Office

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Ashley Jennings as Office Manager/Secretary at the Building Inspection Office, effective 25 October 2021, rate of pay \$18.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. New Hire – EMA

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Mary G. Simpkins as Administrative Assistant at Lowndes County Emergency Services office, effective 11 October 2021, rate of pay \$13.75 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. E911 Part time to Full time Employees (2)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the transfer of Shalonda Givens to a full-time Communication Officer/Dispatcher at E911, effective 1 November 2021, rate of pay \$18.00 per hour, and LaTonya Malone to a full-time Senior Dispatcher at E911, effective 1 November 2021, rate of pay \$16.75 per hour, both were part-time dispatchers; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Authorize Quarterly Sheriff's Budget & Tax Assessor/Collector

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the request to appropriate a quarter of Sheriff's budgets \$1,249,679.25; Adult Detention Center \$997,931.75 and spread on the minutes as presented; Second by Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize the request to appropriate a quarter of Tax Assessor's budget \$101,611.25 and Tax Collector's budget \$203,284.25 and spread on the minutes as presented; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Zack Foster Neel-Schaffer – Columbus Lowndes Airport roof replacement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve County's equal split with City of Columbus expenditure of \$6,528.25; total project \$13,056.20; for the replacement of roof panels of hanger project; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**VI.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

- A. SAP Program for HB 1413 Funds – Old West Point Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes SAP Program for HG 1413 Funds Old West Point Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Utility Permit AT&T – S. Frontage Road  
C. Utility Permit Atmos Energy – Eulie Drive  
D. Utility Permit South Lowndes Water – Potts Road & Fire Tower Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Utility Permits for AT&T (S. Frontage Road); Atmos Energy (Eulie Drive) and South Lowndes Water (Potts Road & Fire Tower Road); Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

- A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bond for Dalton Ray Speed, Appointed Deputy Sheriff and Bond Rider for Deputy Circuit Clerk and Assistant Receiving Clerk name change from Lauren Alicia Oswalt to Lauren Oswalt Moorman; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII.**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

- A. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Jacob Cameron Rhodes as Deputy Sheriff, effective 29 October 2021, rate of pay \$18.25 per hour and Sheryl Cotton as Part-time Administrative Assistant, effective 11 October 2021, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour (part-time position, not eligible for insurance); Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Meal Log – September 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the September 2021 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adjourn until Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021;  
seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



*Trip Hairston*

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:

*Cindy E. Goode*

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk