

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 377

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 1st day of November 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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Leroy Brooks, Supervisor, District 5
- 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 15th, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve October 15th, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket Period Ending October 31st, 2021

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

IV.
Neal Austin
Lowndes County Fire Coordinator

- A. Request to name fire station located on Jess Lyons Road, The Mike Grant Station

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve the request to name fire station located on Jess Lyons Road, The Mike Grant Station; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

V.
Sue Fairbank
Butler Snow Representative

- A. \$5M Note bid opening and Award Resolution

Name of Bidder:	Interest Rate:
Regions Capital Advantage, Inc.	1.39%
Sabine State Bank and Trust Company	1.09%
Trustmark National Bank	1.32%
Bank of Vernon	1.79%
The Peoples Bank, Biloxi	1.2%
Renasant Bank	3.26%
Hancock Whitney Bank	1.224%
Community Bank	0.98%

VI.
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor

A. 1 Mill Certification for 2021 Real and Personal Rolls

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 1 Mill expenditures \$756,000.00 as approved by Department of Revenue for 2021 Tax Roll; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Town of Crawford – IRS

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes notice of IRS garnishment levy on wages, salary and other income for Town of Crawford; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Audit Report Changes – 2020 Tax Roll

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes audit report changes to 2020 tax roll (Magnolia Motor Speedway left off); Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Sue Fairbank
Butler Snow Representative

A. \$5M Note bid Award and Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and spread on the minutes the Resolution directing issuance of \$5M General Obligation Note, Series 2021 for purpose of constructing, reconstructing and repairing roads, highways and bridges and award sale of the bid to Community Bank of Mississippi at a rate of 0.98% percent per annum for \$5M General Obligation Note, Series 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes board reports for October 2021 and work schedule for November 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the promotion of Hunter Griffin to a #2 Operator with a salary of \$16.79 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
Trip Hairston
Board President

A. Lakeshore Drive West

Motion by Supervisor Hairston accept Lakeshore Drive West as a County owned road and spread on the minutes Warranty Deed from Plumb Line Development to Lowndes County, Mississippi; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
Mike Slaughter
Slaughter & Associates Representative

A. 2020 Redistricting Benchmark Presentation

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Slaughter & Associates to prepare developmental plans A & B with regard to 2020 redistricting for the Board's review; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

XI
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. TRVWMD Request for Assistance

Motion by Supervisor Smith to table the matter; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

B. LCIDA (Thomas Lee) seat nomination – Heather McGee

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to table the matter; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. Announce opening for LCIDA seat - Pete Perkins

No action taken.

D. Department of Human Services (DHS) Lease

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize County Administrator to conduct an assessment of the facility with representative from the State to determine any major capital improvements to building; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

E. Lowndes County Agri-Center and Pavilion Open House/Grand Opening (Horse Park)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the new name of Lowndes County Agri-Center and Pavilion and grand opening, Saturday, 13 November 2021; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

F. AT&T Request Cell Tower – Soccer Complex

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize County Administrator to request a contract from AT&T for cell tower at Soccer Complex; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

G. Veteran's Day Holiday

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and observe Veterans' Day Holiday, Thursday, 11 November 2020; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

H. Approval of upcoming Holidays – Governor's Executive Order
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Thursday, November 25th, Friday, November 26th; Thursday, December 23rd, Friday, December 24th; and Friday, December 31st as county holidays; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

I. Mask Mandate

Motion by Supervisor Holliman effective immediately mask are highly encouraged but optional for county employees and the public entering county owned buildings; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

XII

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

A. SAP Project for Old West Point Road Bridge over Oak Slush Creek

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes SAP Project for Old West Point Road Bridge over Oak Slush Creek; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. MDOT Driveway Permit for Sports Complex

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the MDOT permit for driveway at Sports Complex; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Utility Permit C-Spire Tom Rose Road to Horse Park/Agri-Center

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the C-Spire Utility Permit for fiber along or across Tom Rose Road to Horse Park/Agri-Center; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the MDEQ Storm Water Permit; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Update Sports Complex Construction Plans

No action taken.

XIII.

Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bond and Bond Rider for Jacob Cameron Rhodes, Deputy Sheriff and Bond for Stevie Solomon as Deputy Tax Collector; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV.

Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hire – Detention Center

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Eddie George Washington, Jr., as Detention Officer, effective 20 October 2021, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XV.
Jeff Smith
Supervisor District 4

Motion by Supervisor Jeff Smith to request a Resolution for Valerie Richardson who retired from Justice Court with approximately 30 years service; Second Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Tim Hudson
Board Attorney

A. Wilcutt Block Bid Opening

Bidder	Amount bid
Jimmy Graham (Contingent upon emergency siren to remain as is and buyer grants easement; county leave contents in building for 6 months rent free)	\$150,000
Rhett Real Estate, Inc. (on behalf of Frank Imes)	\$110,500
Mid-South Signs	\$30,000

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Jimmy Graham's bid for the Wilcutt Block building with contingencies; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. State Aid Road Project – Duncan Road right-of-way update

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Lowndes County CFO Lloyd Price to transfer funds into Board Attorney's Trust Account and authorize Board Attorney in order to disburse checks to property owners contingent upon receiving signed warranty deeds from landowners; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. Opioid Claim Lawsuit

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the Contingency Fee Retainer Agreement between Lowndes County, Mississippi and Smith, Bobinger & Smith, PLLC.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to amend the agenda to add Board Attorney Tim Hudson requesting reimbursement for county employee; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the reimbursement request of Deputy Sheriff Cameron Hickey for \$131.94 for fuel purchase based on the finding the Fuelman Card malfunctioned while Deputy Hickey

was out of State at a training seminar; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

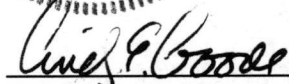
WORK SESSION – ARPA

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to recess until Monday, November 15th, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.





TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk