

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER 15th, 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 15th day of November 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Trip Hairston	Supervisor, District 2, President
John Holliman absent	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, 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 4-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve November 1st, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve November 1st, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

A. County Claims Docket Period Ending November 15th, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending November 15th, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list and declare said items surplus; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bond for Darius Gandy, Deputy Tax Collector and Surety Bond for Samuel Lance Luckey as Narcotic Agent; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court interest for the month of October 2021 for \$17.32; Criminal Collections \$92,802.26 and Civil Collections \$23,421.20 for the month of October 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein).

C. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of October 2021, \$10,411.95; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein).

D. 16th Section Lease

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 16th Section Lease for Chris Herring; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.

Jay Fisher

Lowndes County Administrator

A. LCIDA Seat Nomination – Heather McGee & Albert Jethrow (Replacing Thomas Lee) (November 1, 2021-October 31, 2025)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to nominate Albert Jethrow to replace Thomas Lee; Second by Supervisor Smith.

A substitute Motion was made by Supervisor Sanders to nominate Heather McGee to replace Thomas Lee; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 2-2.

Vote	Supervisor Sanders	aye
	Supervisor Hairston	aye
	Supervisor Smith	nay
	Supervisor Brooks	nay

B. Announce advertisement of Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Authority Board Position – Rick McGill (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025)

C. TRVWMD Request for Assistance

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to make a finding that there currently exists drainage issues in the City of Columbus and Lowndes County Supervisor Districts 2, 3 & 4 being Briarwood Drive, Timber Cove & Northaven Woods area, and Moore's Creek from Willowbrook Road to 18th Avenue North and the Board adopt Resolutions requesting assistance from Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District to correct drainage issues in and around these areas; Second by Smith. Vote 4-0. (Resolutions are attached as Exhibit I hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Rehire 911 Dispatcher Misty Matherne

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the rehire of Misty Matherne as part-time 911 dispatcher effective 15 November 2021, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. 2022 Health Insurance Recommendation

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to renew Lowndes County 2022 healthcare coverage with United Healthcare Insurance Benefits (Cox Consulting Services Inc.); Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.

F. Lowndes County Fire Investigator Approval

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to designate Richard Hunter McBride as Lowndes County Fire Investigator; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

G. Announce MAS Officer Nominations

H. Announce Thanksgiving Holiday

I. ARPA consultant discussion

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire Horne Group as primary ARPA consultants with Golden Triangle Planning & Development District to monitor and maintain ARPA records and Board authorize Board Attorney and County Administrator prepare said contracts; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 3-1. Supervisor Hairston opposed.

VI

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

A. Utility Permit for South Lowndes Water Association on Swedenburg Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes utility permit for South Lowndes Water Association for a water line extension along or across Swedenburg Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.

Eddie Hawkins

Lowndes County Sheriff

A. October 2021 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the October 2021 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Request to declare employee service weapon surplus

Motion by Supervisor Smith, pursuant to state law, allow Willie Jones retiring 30 November 2021, to purchase his service weapon for \$10.00, upon service weapon declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
Board Members & Board Attorney

A. President Trip Hairston – Sheriff’s Compensation (MS Code 25-3-25)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve a \$10,000 annual supplement to the sheriff of Lowndes County pursuant to Section 25-3-25 of the Miss. Code as amended; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 2-1. Supervisor Brooks nay Supervisor Smith abstains.

Substitute motion by Supervisor Brooks to increase CFO Lloyd Price salary for \$10,000; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 2-2.

Vote	Supervisor Sanders	nay
	Supervisor Hairston	nay
	Supervisor Smith	aye
	Supervisor Brooks	aye

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Tuesday, November 30th, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.





TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk