

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 379

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 15TH day of February 2022, 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.)

PUBLIC HEARING 9:00 A.M.
INTERNATIONAL PAPER BOND REFUNDING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Brooks opened Public Hearing.

No one appeared to address the Board.

Supervisor Hairston closed Public Hearing.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept and adopt the Resolution to Issue Revenue Refunding Bonds not to exceed \$88,200,000, to refinance costs of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping certain facilities at the Columbus Miss of International Paper Company; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

II
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve February 7th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve February 7th, 2022, board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

A. County Claims Docket – Period Ending February 15, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending February 15, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes surety bonds for Tina Marie Fisher, Assistant Purchasing Clerk; Rhonda Sanders, Deputy Sheriff, and Justin Robinson, Appointed Narcotic Officer; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Roger Short
Lowndes County Recreation Director

A. Soccer Exercise Trail Erosion Plan Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve a Resolution for TRVWMD to proceed with proposed Soccer Exercise Trail Erosion Control Plan for Moore's Creek using PLN funds to pay for project materials not to exceed \$35,000; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Historical Exemption Policy

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes Board Policy on Historical Property within Historic Districts; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Audit Changes 2021 Roll

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes Audit Changes 2021 Roll ; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Personnel – presented by County Administrator Jay Fisher in Ronnie Burn's absence

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the promotion of Jarvis Sanders from Litter Control to Crewmember on February 16, 2022, at a rate of \$15.35 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the new hire of Isaiah Brackett as Crewmember on February 16, 2022, at a rate of \$15.35 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. 6 Month bid Quotes Update – presented by Purchasing Clerk Pat Tuggle

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept the recommended bid for cold-mix from Advanced Asphalt Products, LLC.; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. Recreational Trail Program Application 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 2022 Recreational Trails Program Application; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Utility Permit Solar 6, LLC on Gilmer Wilburn Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes MS Solar 6, LLC utility permit for overhead transmission lines along or across Gilmer Wilburn Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Caledonia Natural Gas District Utility Permits

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Natural Gas District utility permits for a ¾" road bore along or across Wolfe Trail and Seedtick Road; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Beaver Control Update

No action taken by the Board. Update attached as Exhibit O and incorporated herein.

B. New Hire – Justice Court

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Tashi Shanay Clay as Justice Court Deputy clerk – criminal department, effective March 1, 2022 at a rate of \$13.50; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. January 2022 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes January 2022 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Hubert (Bert) M. Thomas, II as Deputy Sheriff – Patrol effective February 22, 2022 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour until certified; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.

Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Approval of Retirement Request – Ronnie Burns

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the retirement request of Lowndes County Road Manager, Ronnie Burns, and approve the payment of his 30 unused vacation days; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to post Road Manager position within the county (in house) for 3 days; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B. Resolution Wayne Doyle

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt a Resolution for Wayne Doyle's service of 40 years to Lowndes County as a Volunteer Firefighter; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

C. Supervisor Jeff Smith – Board President Trip Hairston ARPA

No action taken.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Monday, February 28th, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President