

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**COUNTY OF LOWNDES**

**MINUTE BOOK 380**

**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 7<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2022, 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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, George Irby, City of Columbus Director of Planning & Community Development
- 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.)

**TRIP HAIRSTON BOARD PRESIDENT**  
**Presentation Resolution Wayne Doyle family**

Board President Trip Hairston presented Wayne Doyle's family with Resolution of appreciation for his service to the community. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. Surplus Property

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

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

- A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for the month of February 2022, bank interest in the amount of \$16.40, Civil Collections \$20,579.91 and Criminal Collections \$101,802.86; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the following Surety Bonds: Samuel Allison, Lowndes County School District, Superintendent; Samuel Allison, Lowndes County School District, Purchasing Agent; Paul Wesley Barrett, Lowndes County School District, Board Member; Robert Barksdale, Lowndes County School District, Board Member; Jane Kilgore, Lowndes County School District, Board Member; Brian Clark, Lowndes County School District, Board Member; Jacqueline Gray, Lowndes County School District, Board Member; Tashi S Clay, Deputy Justice Court Clerk; Hurbert (Bert) Thomas, Appointed Deputy Sheriff; James Kevin Forrester, Sr.,

Narcotics Officer; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for February 2022 for \$4,635.76; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**

**Shelley Strickland**

**Lowndes County Emergency Management Services**

A. Adopt New Private Drive – Haven Cove

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to table the matter; Second by Supervisor Smith.

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| Vote: Sanders | aye    |
| Hairston      | aye    |
| Smith         | aye    |
| Brooks        | oppose |

B. Request to convert county road to private drive

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to set a public hearing for 18 April 2022 9:15 a.m. for the proposed abandonment of the northern portion of Pearrow Drive consisting of approximately 700 feet; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**

**Pat Tuggle**

**Lowndes County Purchase Clerk**

A. Award bid for sale of Road Department Trucks

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept the bids from JJ Merchant/James Durham for the sale of three (3) trucks for the Road Department; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII.**

**George Irby**

**City of Columbus**

**Director of Planning & Community Development**

A. ARPA funding request. No action taken.

**VIII.**  
**Ronnie Burns**  
**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A.     Permission for Bids for Striping

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to grant approval to advertise for sealed bids for road striping for Taylor Thurston, West Bank Access, and Steger Roads; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A.     Utility Permit Prairie Land Water Association, Golden Horn/Taylor Thurston Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes utility permit for Prairie Land Water Association for water service along or across Golden Horn Road-Taylor Thurston Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B.     Award bid – Equine Center Restroom & Concession Building

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award bid to Byrum Construction, Inc. for Equine Center Restroom & Concession Building; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C.     Award bid – LSBP-44(16) Duncan Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bid to Glasgow Construction Company for LSBP-44(16) Duncan Road; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A.     Intergovernmental Agreement DeSoto County

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Intergovernmental Agreement with DeSoto County for purchase of equipment; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reimbursement Al Quinn Website Domain

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve reimbursement to Al Quinn for \$199.95 for county website domain; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Review Horne, LLP Contract

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to table the matter; Second by Supervisor Smith.

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| Vote: | Sanders  | oppose |
|       | Hairston | oppose |
|       | Smith    | aye    |
|       | Brooks   | aye    |

D. Road Manager Hiring

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise externally for Road Manager position; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.

**XI.**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Emily Brooke Estes as Detention Officer, rate of pay \$14.17 an hour; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Employee Purchase of Service Weapon at Retirement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks, pursuant to state law, allow Kevin Forrester retiring 28 February 2022, to purchase his service weapon for \$10.00, upon service weapon declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI.**

**Board Members & Board Attorney**

A. Supervisor Brooks - Request for County to Purchase Ad

Motion by Supervisor Brooks approves request to advertise county resources in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Magazine for \$100; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

B. NaCo conference

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve travel for any Board Members and staff to travel to Colorado to attend the NaCo conference; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

### Executive Session

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to go into executive session to discuss a acquiring of real property and legal matter; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

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

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept and spread on the minutes the contract from AT&T as presented; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to authorize Board Attorney to negotiate settlement with Cadamy Construction; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President