

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

APRIL 4TH, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 380/381

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 4TH day of April 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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3
- 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 Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve March 15th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve March 15th, 2022, 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 March 31st, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending March 31st, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. February 2022 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the February 2022 financials; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Bank Account Update

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes bank account update from CFO Lloyd Price; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Authorization to open new bank account

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize opening a new bank account at Trustmark Bank, Columbus, Mississippi and authorizing CFO Lloyd Price and Chancery Clerk Cindy Goode as signatories for said account. Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Surplus Property

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

IV
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Homestead Disagreement Objections

Motion by Supervisor Smith approve and spread on the minutes Homestead disagreement objection forms. Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of March 2022, in the amount of \$8,785.93; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein).

V.
Sarah Barnes
Lowndes County Assistant Purchase Clerk

A. Award Legal Publication Bid

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award the legal publication bid to The Columbus Packet; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Request to advertise for bids for 2022 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise 2022 Road Plan for Asphalt Overlay, Reseal, and Striping; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise bids for paving and striping Taylor Thurston from Steger to Frontage Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

VI.
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the promotion of Romario Gunter from Litter Control to a Crewmember with a salary of \$15.35 per hour, beginning April 5th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Tequalla Brown as Litter Control crewmember with a salary of \$13.00 per

hour, beginning April 5th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Monthly Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for March 2022 and work schedule for April 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Request to Advertise for Bids for Road Striping

Motion by Supervisor Smith to grant approval to advertise for sealed bids for road striping; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Supervisor John Holliman Culvert – Ben Christopher Drive

Motion by Supervisor Brooks that based on a finding to protect county property and contingent upon a hold harmless agreement from property owner, authorize replacement of a culvert on Ben Christopher Drive; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING
100 ATKINS ROAD**

Supervisor Brooks opened Public Hearing; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks that based upon a finding property located at 100 Atkins Road is hazardous to the health and safety of persons and property in the area of this property. The Board authorizes the use of county resources to mitigate the condition of said property and assess the costs to property owner. Property owner allowed until May 4, 2022 to correct these conditions; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Supervisor Sanders closed Public Hearing; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**VII.
George Crawford
GTPDD, Inc. District Planner**

A. Manufacturers Loop Emergency Route in the Golden Triangle Industrial Park – Adoption of a “Finding No Significant Impact”

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt the recommendation of Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact – Manufacturers Loop Emergency Route in Golden Triangle Industrial Park and advertise in The Columbus Packet date of

publication April 28, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. Re-coverage Storm Water Pollution Permit for Charleigh Ford Drive
Apl-0044(36)B

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Re-coverage Storm Water Pollution Permit for Charleigh Ford Drive Apl-0044(36)B; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. ATMOS Energy Utility Permit Taylor Thurston Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the ATMOS Energy Utility Permit to install new natural gas main along or across Taylor Thurston Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. AT&T Utility Permit Armstrong Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the AT&T Utility Permit for a buried copper route to a proposed pedestal along or across Armstrong Road; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Recommendation for Project on Old West Point Road – SAP-44(13)M

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Old West Point Road SAP 44(13)M Project and award contract to Falcon Contracting Company, Inc.; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- E. Cadamy

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize County Engineer to get certified weather report from National Weather Service with regard to Charleigh Ford Road Project, request his recommendation to complete the project at next board meeting and authorize Board Attorney to communicate with Cadamy; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

IX.
Joey Henderson
JBHM Architecture Representative

A. Bids for Lowndes County Sportsplex

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to award Sportsplex bid with alternates as presented to West Brothers Construction, Inc. \$12,360,407.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Vote:	Sanders	aye
	Hairston	aye
	Holliman	aye
	Smith	oppose due to lack of diversity in the project; not because Supervisor Smith does not feel there is not a need for quality recreation in Lowndes County.
	Brooks	oppose

X.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Approval Good Friday Holiday – Friday, April 15th, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Good Friday Holiday – Friday, April 15th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

B. Approval of (2) Columbus Lowndes Public Library Board Seats
District 2 & 3 (April 4, 2022 – April 3, 2027)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to appoint Corissa Gunter as Columbus Lowndes Public Library Board Seat District 2; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to postpone discussion of District 3 seat until April 18, 2022 meeting; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. New Hire E911 Amber Ferguson

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Amber Ferguson as part-time dispatcher effective April 4, 2022 at a rate of pay \$13.25 per hour. Upon completion of training and 6 months' probation, rate of pay increase to \$13.75 per hour; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Approval Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicator's
Week (April 10-16, 2022)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week; Second by

Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Approval Proclamation for April (National County Government Month)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Proclamation April as National County Government Month; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Authorize approval of payment for MAS to create ad for Spring, Summer and Fall Issues

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve payment to MAS for three (3) remaining issues \$150 per issue total of \$450 for creating/designing ads for Spring, Summer and Fall; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

G. Authorize Tax Assessor/Collector & Sheriff Quarterly Budgets

Motion by Supervisor Brooks in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 27-1-9(c) (Tax Assessor/Collector), authorize the request to appropriate a quarter of Tax Assessor's budget \$101,611.25 and Tax Collector's budget \$203,284.25; Mississippi Code Section 19-25-13 (Sheriff Dept) Sheriff's budgets \$1,249,679.25 and Adult Detention Center \$997,931.75 and spread on the minutes as presented; Second by Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Z attached hereto and incorporated herein)

H. Road Manager Applications

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to postpone discussion of Road Manager Applications until April 18, 2022 meeting; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

XI.

Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hire (2)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Sheila M. Elder as part-time Administrative Assistant Front Desk, rate of pay \$14.17 an hour, effective March 28, 2022; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit AA attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Delesa Moray Lenoir as Detention Officer, rate of pay \$14.17 an hour, effective April 13, 2022; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit AA attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approval of Grant Ms. Department of Homeland Security

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes grant from Mississippi Department of Homeland Security for \$17,600; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XII.

Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Board Attorney Tim Hudson Black Creek Railroad crossing discussion

Executive Session

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss cyber security plan; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

ARPA WORKSHOP

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Monday, April 18th, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.



TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

