

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MAY 2ND, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES
MINUTE BOOK 382

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 2nd day of May 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 and Opening of May Board Meetings, 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 Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve April 18th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve April 18th, 2022, board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to amend the agenda to allow the Board to amend March 7th, 2022, board minutes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervision Hairston to correct the March 7th, 2022, board minutes to show the entry approving the award of the bid for construction of a concession stand and bathrooms, and reflect the motion was in fact, to table this matter. A notation placed in the margin of the March 7, 2022 minutes referencing the correction; 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 April 30th, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending April 15th, 2022, with the exception of payment to Nick Hairston for \$80.00 as jury commission; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve payment to Nick Hairston for \$80.00 for jury commission; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0 with Supervisor Hairston recusing himself.

B. March 2022 Financial Report

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes March 2022 Financial Report; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E 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 the Surety Bonds for Larry Wayne Harrison as Detention Officer; Shannon Wallace-Hughes as Deputy Justice Court Clerk; and Ken Williams as Assistant

Receiving Clerk; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.

**Christina Shumpert
Community Counseling Services**

- A. Mental Health Awareness Month – no action taken.

VI.

**Brian Clark and Jon Turner
4-County Electric Power Association**

- A. Presentation of check and discussion of Foundation's Impact on Lowndes County.

Presentation of \$3,690.00 check to the Volunteer Fire Department District 5.
No action taken.

VII.

**Sarah Barnes
Lowndes County Assistant Purchase Clerk**

- A. Award Bids for 2022 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept the bid from APAC for Asphalt Overlay Road Plan 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept the bid from J.C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. for Road Striping for 2022 Road Plan for Lacy Road, Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Rice Road and Whispering Pines (J. Smart – Jenny Penn); Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to acknowledge no bids received for DBST and reseal and authorizes Purchase Clerk to rebid for DBST and reseal; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

VIII.

**Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

- A. Tax Refund - #7454 Mobile Home

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request for refund in the amount of \$1,493.47 on mobile home account 7454 paid by First Bank of Knoxville that was double assessed real and personal rolls; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. ERBR Applications for Canal Bridge and Old West Point Road Bridge

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes ERBR Applications for Canal Bridge and Old West Point Road Bridge; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Old West Point Road Overlay Project Activation

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Project Activation Request letter for Old West Point Road Overlay; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Award Bid for Equine Center Restrooms & Concession Project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to accept base bid and alternate bid from Byrum Construction, Inc. with County Administrator's recommendation to roll into funding with SportsPlex, contingent upon acceptance of contract; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Smith abstained. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Utility Relocation Waterline Duncan Road State Aid Project

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request of utility relocation of waterline at cost of \$7,000 paid by County. State Aid will reimburse the County once invoice and cancelled check received by State Aid; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

X.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. Permission to accept Cargo Trailer

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept cargo trailer as donation from Mississippi Department of Homeland Security; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Britny Elaine Porter as Detention Officer at a rate of \$14.17 per hour, effective April 26, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Approval of Advertisement for Salute to Industry

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Salute to Industry ad in The Commercial Dispatch to advertise county resources; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B. Approval of Reimbursement for Personal Expense

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request for reimbursement for \$38.26 personal expenses involving the Sheriff's Department; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Proxy Vote for Mississippi Public Entity Worker's Compensation Trust Board for Trustees

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the proxy vote for Mississippi Public Entity Worker's Compensation Trust Board and County Administrator submit on behalf of the Board; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the hire of students for summer help for road and recreation departments, if necessary, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour for a period of 10 weeks; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

XII.
Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Resolution Supporting Request for MEMA for Funded Storm Shelters/Safe Rooms (Jeff Smith)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt a Resolution in support of MEMA funded Storm Shelters/Safe Rooms to protect the lives of Lowndes County residents; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Easement – TRVWMD

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Easement allowing TRVWMD to perform work (Moore Creek) at the Lowndes County Soccer Complex; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.
Mike Slaughter
Slaughter & Associates

A. Redistricting Plan Presentation

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recommend the proposed preliminary redistricting plan for Supervisors, Justice Court, and Constables be adopted as a possible plan contingent upon public input from the public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize advertising Notice of Public Hearing on proposed redistricting plan for Supervisors, Justice Court and Constables three (3) times in newspaper; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess until Monday, May 16th, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.



TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk