

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MAY 16th, 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 16th 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 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 Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve May 2nd, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve May 2nd, 2022, board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
**Presentation MAS County Employee
Scholarship Program**

- A. Board President Trip Hairston - presentation 2022 Lowndes County MASIT Awardee Noel Fisher

IV
**Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket – Period Ending May 15th, 2022

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

- B. 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 Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
**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 April 2022, bank interest in the amount of \$22.04, Civil Collections \$20,875.50 and Criminal Collections \$87,094.73; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the Surety Bonds for Gary Michael Aldridge as Assistant Receiving Clerk; Surety Bond and Rider for Gary Michael Aldridge as Road Manager; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (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 April 2022 for \$10,385.73; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.

Circuit Court Judge Jim Kitchens

A. Court Reporter Pay

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve the state statute pay increases for court reporters beginning budget year 2023; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

VII.

GTR LINK Joe Higgins

A. West Bank Port Rail Spur Project & Grant Submission Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve West Bank Port Rail Spur Project Grant Submission; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to earmark funds received from State for this project and authorize CFO Lloyd Price to open separate bank accounts to receive project funds; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

B. Approval for Leigh Mall Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Regional Economic Development Act Alliance Agreement (REDA) – Leigh Mall Project; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution Approving Regional Economic Development Act Alliance Agreement (REDA) ; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.

Mike Aldridge

Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

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

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Cortney Beckwith as #2 Driver salary of \$16.79 per hour, beginning May 24th, 2022 and Jackson Kriley as Crewmember salary of \$15.35 per hour, beginning May 23rd, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

Pat Tuggle

Lowndes County Purchase Clerk

A. Additional 5 Million Road Plan Striping

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bid to J.C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. for additional Road Striping; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

A. AT&T Utility Permits – Beersheba Road, Barksdale Road, Lost Lake Hills Road, Old Yorkville Road, Mason Drive, Reeves Road, Center Street, Henry Road, New Hope Road, Windy Ridge Circle, Lakeover Drive, Lake Lowndes Road, Daffodil Drive, Summerville Place, Timber Creek Drive, Wynbrook Bend, Shadow Ridge Road, and Lowndes State Park Road

B. AT&T Utility Permits – Williams Place, First Colony Drive, Charleston Circle, Old Swan Lane, Kings Path, Savannah Street, Marblehead Lane, Monticello Circle, Crowe Road, Oxford Street, Tiffany Lane, McKnight Drive, Oswalt Road, Windchase Drive, and Leigh Cove

C. AT&T Utility Permit – Charleigh Ford Drive

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T Utility Permits for buried optic cables along and across the above named roads and for a buried fiber telecommunications route along or across Charleigh D Ford Jr. Drive; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (All permits attached as Exhibit M hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the advertisement of bids for granular shoulder material for Charleigh Ford Drive Project (Artesia Road to Mims Road); Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

- A. Approval of Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 30th, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 30th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

- B. Emergency Management Mutual Aid Compact

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Emergency Management Statewide Mutual Aid Compact; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. New Hire – Justice Court (Barbara Gilchrist)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Barbara Gilchrist as Deputy Justice Court Clerk-Civil Department at a rate of \$13.50 per hour effective June 1st, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Resolution of Support for Renewal of Local and Private Restaurant Tax

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution Memorializing the Support of the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors for enactment by Mississippi Legislature of a Local and Private Act to reinstate and/or continue a 2% tax on the gross-receipts of certain restaurants located within Lowndes County and City of Columbus, Mississippi; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- E. MASIT Board Elections Official Ballot

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare by affirmation 6 nominations for the MASIT Board Elections Official Ballot; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

- A. Meal Log – April 2022

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

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Joseph Michael Redmond as Detention Officer at rate of \$14.17 per hour effective May 18th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes a Resolution recognizing Deputy Raymond Cyr for demonstrating bravery and heroism when he took action in a life-threatening situation; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.

Board Members & Board Attorney

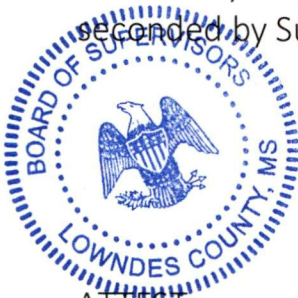
A. Resolution Honor Ronnie Burns – Trip Hairston

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize Board Attorney Tim Hudson to draft a Resolution recognizing retired Road Manager Ronnie Burns for his years of service with the County; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

ARPA WORK SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve all proposed allocations for tourism and non-profit, contingent upon all guidelines being met, all required qualifications, resolutions and other documentation; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. Supervisor Hairston recused himself from the vote.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess until Tuesday, May 31st, 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President