

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JUNE 21st, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 383

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 21st day of June 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
Tia Rushing	Deputy 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, 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 Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve June 6th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve June 6th, 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 June 20th, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending June 20th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor

- A. Final Audit Changes (Real & Personal 2021)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Final Audit Changes Real & Personal 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. 1 Mill Certification Plan for 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 1 Mill Certification Plan for 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Refund Kermit Johnson (100% DAV Service Connected)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the tax refund for years 2020 and 2021 taxes of \$3,361.06 to Kermit Johnson for 100% DAV Service Connected; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. International Paper (Tax Exemption)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve International Paper Tax Exemption; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

V.
Pat Tuggle
Lowndes County Purchase Clerk

A. Award Bids for Reseal & DBST 2022 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award bid for Reseal and DBST 2022 Road Plan to T. I. Wallace Construction, Inc.; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

VI.
George Crawford
GTPDD, Inc.
District Planner

A. Resolutions:

i. Approve Submittal of New ARC Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution Authorizing Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to prepare and submit an ARC Grant Application; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

ii. Approval of Matching Funds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution Authorizing Board to commit matching funds of \$600,000.00 to construct rail yard improvements on SDI campus in the Golden Triangle Industrial Park; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

B. Update on Engineer Selection for New ARC Project

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the Engineer Selection Request; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Zach Foster
Neel-Schaffer Engineering

A. Columbus Lowndes County Airport Grant Submission Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to grant the approval to accept the Airport Grant Agreement \$399,348.00; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
John Freeman on behalf of Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. Caledonia Water Utility Permit Anderson Grove Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Water Utility permit for 1" water line along or across Anderson Grove Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. AT&T Utility Permit New Hope Road, Woodridge Pl, Overview Drive, Stadium Road, Henry Road, Lake Lowndes Road, Reeves Road, and Center Street

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T Utility permit for fiber optics along or across New Hope Road, Woodridge Pl, Overview Drive, Stadium Road, Henry Road, Lake Lowndes Road, Reeves Road, and Center Street; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Prairie Land Utility Permit Charleigh Ford Drive (FEDEX)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Prairie Land Utility permit for sewer services along or across Charleigh Ford Drive (FEDEX); Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Board Order Requesting Reimbursement from State Aid for water line relocation Duncan Road LSBP-44(16)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Resolution regarding utility relocation cost reimbursement for Project No. LSBP-44(16) Duncan Road in the amount of \$7,000; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Approval of Out of State Travel for Daniel Livingston – Lowndes County Building Inspection Department

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the out of state travel request for Daniel Livingston to attend a flood planning conference in Pensacola, Florida, 7-12 August 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. E911 New Hire Allison Ming

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Allison Ming as part-time dispatcher E911 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective 20 June 2022, upon completion of training, she will be promoted to full-time dispatcher at a rate of pay \$13.75 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Discussion on SB2719 Supervisor Pay Increase

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes the Resolution where SB 2719 allows for salary realignment for members of the County Board of Supervisors, beginning July 1, 2022; the current applicable assessed value for Lowndes County is \$985,604.107; current salary for Supervisors elected after 2020 is \$46,041 and \$47,071 for Supervisors elected prior to 2020; and approve the salary realignment for Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to a pay rate of \$50,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program Grant Opportunity Discussion – Multipurpose Building Phase II

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to authorize County Administrator Jay Fisher, with the assistance of Horne Group, to submit grant application for Multipurpose Building Phase II; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to allow up to \$10,000 for independent cost estimate; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

LOWNDES COUNTY RESERVE & TRUST MEETING 9:30 a.m.

Reserve & Trust meeting minutes recorded in the Reserve & Trust Minute Book

E. Discussion on Funding of 2022 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to amend the Road Department budget to \$785,000.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Sanders opposed.

X.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. May 2022 Meal Log

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

XI.
Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Town of Crawford (Supervisor Jeff Smith – District 4)
Mayor Deans and Town of Crawford Engineer - No action taken.

B. Supervisor Leroy Brooks District 5

25th Annual Juneteenth Festival success

Supervisor Brooks selected for the 3rd time to serve on a national network - Economic Mobility Leadership Network (NaCo)

No action taken.

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston to discuss personnel matter; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

C. Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the recommendation of County Administrator Jay Fisher to hire Carley Estes, as Justice Court Clerk, effective 1 July 2022, starting salary of \$48,000, after 6 month review her salary will be \$50,000; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Tuesday, July 5th, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



Cindy E. Goode

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

Trip Hairston
TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President