

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 384

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of July 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                    |
| Amy Barksdale         | 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 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 June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. May 2022 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes May 2022 Financial Report; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Surplus Property

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

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

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes surety bonds for the following: Carley Michelle Estes as Justice Court Clerk; Ann Marie Langford as Assistant Receiving Clerk; Ridge Alan Blackburn as Deputy Sheriff; Sayonia Thompson Garvin as Lowndes County School District Business Manager; Gregory Wheat as LCSD Maintenance Supervisor; Matthew D. Smith as LCSD Principal; Gregory Leon Elliott as LCSD Principal; Roger D. Hill as LCSD Principal; Susan Lingle McClelland as LCSD CTC Director; and Robert S. Sanders as LCSD Principal; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff Report

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for June 2022 for \$13,808.50; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**

**Sarah Barnes**

**Lowndes County Assistant Purchase Clerk**

A. Semi Annual Bids

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the semi-annual bids/quotes for Cold Mix, Hot Mix, Herbicides, Limestone, Culverts and Wash Gravel; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**

**Greg Andrews**

**Lowndes County Tax Assessor**

A. Tax Rolls 2022 Real & Personal

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Tax Rolls 2022 Real and Personal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Permission to Advertise Tax Rolls

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Tax Assessor/Collector to advertise 2022 Tax Rolls both Real and Personal in newspaper of record; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Set Public Hearing on Tax Rolls

Motion by Supervisor Smith to set the final Public Hearing on 2022 Real and Personal Tax Roll values for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Continuing Education – Tax Assessor & Deputies

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes continuing education for Patrick Adair, Greg D. Andrews, Tina Blunt, Tina Brown, Millard Greene, Pam Lang and Ryan Strickland; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein.)



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

A. Engineering Services – new ARC Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the recommendation of the committee to accept engineering support from Calvert-Spradling for the ARC project; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**VIII.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Utility Permit 4-County Artesia Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 4-County Utility permit for overhead electric lines along or across Artesia Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. C-Spire Utility Permit Rosecrest Drive & Tom Rose Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes C-Spire Utility permit for fiber optic cables along or across Rosecrest and Tom Rose Roads; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. AT&T Utility Permit Black Creek Road, Mason Drive, Westview Lane, Gail Road and Television Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T Utility permit for buried fiber optic cable along or across Black Creek Road, Mason Drive, Westview Lane, Gail Road and Television Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Revise: LSBP-44(16)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes change order Project No. LSBP-44(16) Duncan Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Franklin Telephone Utility Permit Charlie Ford Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Franklin Telephone Utility permit for buried fiber optic cable along or across Charlie Ford Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Capital Improvement Bonds**  
**SportsPlex & LCIDA**

Supervisor Hairston called to open the Public Hearing for Capital Improvement Bonds SportsPlex and LCIDA

Butler Snow Representatives Steve Pittman & Sue Fairbank present  
(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

No objections.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to close Public Hearing; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt and spread on the minutes Resolution of Intent to either issue General Obligation Bonds of Lowndes County, issue General Obligation Bonds of said County for sale to Mississippi Development Bank or enter into a loan with Mississippi Development Bank not to exceed \$14,750,000 to finance SportsPlex; Second by Supervisor Sanders. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Vote: Sanders | aye |
| Hairston      | aye |
| Holliman      | aye |
| Smith         | nay |
| Brooks        | nay |

Supervisor Smith requested the record reflect that he is supportive of the recreation project and looks forward to the new venture, but is opposed to its design.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt and spread on the minutes Resolution Authorizing publication of notice of sale and solicitation of bids GOB (Capital Improvements Issue) Series 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,750,000 regarding SportsPlex; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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|---------------|-----|
| Vote: Sanders | aye |
| Hairston      | aye |
| Holliman      | aye |
| Smith         | nay |
| Brooks        | nay |

Supervisor Brooks to open the Public Hearing for Economic Development Financing – LCIDA; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

No objections.



Motion by Supervisor Brooks to close Public Hearing; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and spread on the minutes Resolution of Intent for Economic Development Financing not to exceed \$30,000,000; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX.**

**Mike Aldridge  
Lowndes County Road Manager**

**A. Personnel**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Glorial Jones as litter control crewmember at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective July 6, 2022; and Craig Barham as a Class II Driver at a rate of \$16.79 per hour, effective July 18, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Board Reports**

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Board Reports for June 2022, and work schedule for July 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**C. Surplus Property**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Road Manager to accept sealed bids for declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**X.**

**Jay Fisher  
Lowndes County Administrator**

- A. Authorization for Carley Estes to be Signatory on Existing Justice Court Accounts**
- B. Approval for Carley Estes to Establish New Trustmark Bank Accounts for Justice Court**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Board Order approving the creation of three (3) new checking accounts for Lowndes County Justice Court at Trustmark Bank with Carley Estes being designated as the signatory on all existing accounts as well as the three (30) new accounts; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Authorize Tax Assessor/Collector and Sheriff Quarterly Budget

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

D. HB400 Bailiff Pay Raise Legislation

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and spread on the minutes HB400 Bailiff Pay Raise from \$55 per day courtroom duty to \$100 per day courtroom duty, effective 1 July 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Z attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. HB1408 Sheriff Salary Increase

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt and spread on the minutes the HB1408 as presented, which allows for Sheriff's salary increase of an additional \$5,000 annually where there is a Juvenile Detention Center within the county, effective October 1, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit AA attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI.**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. CTC Contract

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Correctional Communications Service Agreement between City Tele-Coin Company, Inc. and Lowndes County, Ms.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit BB attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. School Resource Officers

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of 3 additional school resource officers, increase sheriff's budget \$27,890.00, Lowndes County School District to reimburse the County and be responsible for the additional 3 school resource officers' salary to include benefits; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**XII.**

**Board Members & Board Attorney**

A. Supervisor Hairston – Westview Lane property

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Calvert-Spradling to do a survey of said property to determine ownership and begin process with Building



Inspection Department evaluating health and safety of said property; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

### **Executive Session**

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston to discuss potential lawsuit and pending lawsuit.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to go into Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes to settle claim of First Franklin Financial for \$649.14; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit BB attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to agree to Caledonia Energy Partners, LLC request for bond reduction related to its challenge to the 2021 tax valuation; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

### **XIII.**

**Janie Shields**

**Lowndes County Victims Assistance Coordinator**

A. Permission to Re-apply for Victim Assistance Coordinator Grant

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to grant permission to re-apply for D.A. Victim Assistance Grant and approve 20% matching funds; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

### **ARPA WORKSHOP**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare intent \$1,000 to each eligible employee from revenue loss funds for incentive pay for work performed based on recommendations by Horne Group and U. S. Treasury Department guidelines; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



*Cindy E. Goode*

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

*Tripp Hairston*  
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TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President