

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

AUGUST 1ST, 2022

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, Monday, the 1st day of August 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
Mackenzie Swedenburg	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, Leroy Brooks, Supervisor District 5
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

I

Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve July 15th, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve July 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 July 31st, 2022

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

- B. June 2022 Financials

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

- C. 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 Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Neal Austin
Lowndes County Fire Coordinator

- A. Acceptance of Donation to the County for Inventory

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept donation of District 2 for thermal camera from grant monies awarded by 4-County Foundation back to the County for inventory; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes surety bonds for Shalonda Hill as School resource Officer; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. AT&T Utility Permit on Smith Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T utility permit for buried fiber telecommunications route along or across Smith Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Charleigh Ford Drive Contract Acceptance

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Notice of Award for Charleigh Ford Drive; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Prairie Land Water/Sewer Easement for SportsPlex Construction

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Prairie Land Water/Sewer Main Right-of-Way Easement for SportsPlex and water service permit for Old West Point Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. MDOT MOA Old West Point Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the Memorandum of Agreement and Board Order between MDOT and Lowndes County ERBR-STP/BR-0044(35)BO Old West Point Road Project; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. MDOT MOA ERBR Canal Bridge

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the Memorandum of Agreement MDOT and Lowndes County ERBR-STP/BR-0044(35)BO Canal Road Bridge CSE #216009 Project and authorize advertisement for bids; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recognize Calvert-Spradling as Engineer on Old West Point Road and Canal Road Projects; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

F. Franklin Telephone Utility Permit

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

VII.

**Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor**

A. Tax Rolls 2022 Real & Personal (Compliance Notification)

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

B. Car Tag Renewals (Contract Update)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Car Tag Renewal contract; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Update on American Financial Delinquent Recovery

No action taken.

D. Acceptance of Contract for Web Services

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the contract for web services Delta Computer Systems, Inc.; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.

**Joe Max Higgins
GTR LINK**

A. Discussion of increase in reimbursement costs for Economic Development

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request for increase in reimbursables for economic development from \$50,000 to \$100,000 this fiscal year 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

B. Project Redberg MOU

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the Project Inducement Agreement and authorize Board President and Clerk of the Board execute Agreement; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

Corky Smith

Caledonia Recreation Board Representatives

A. Caledonia Parks Capital Improvement Requests

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request from Caledonia Park Commission awarded up to \$50,000 reimbursables set aside for Lowndes County parks this fiscal year 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

X.

Mike Aldridge

Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

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

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the hire of Raphael White as Class II Driver effective 26 July 2022, rate of pay \$16.79 per hour and Jordan Brown as Crew Member effective 3 August 2022, rate of pay \$15.35 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Discuss Seal/Reseal Bids for 2022 Road Plan

No action taken.

D. Presentation on Asphalt Zipper Company Representative Dave Fokken

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the purchase of Asphalt Zipper following all applicable guidelines; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XI.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hires (6)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the following new hires: Jeremy Reed-Wood as Patrol Deputy, effective 9 August 2022, rate of pay \$15.00 per hour until completion of the academy at which time pay becomes \$18.25 per hour; Zachary Patrick O'Callaghan as Patrol Deputy, effective 10 August 2022, rate of pay \$18.25 per hour; Jimmy Alan Lewis as Reserve Deputy, effective 29 July 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Brandon Lee Bushey as Reserve Deputy, effective 22 July 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Baron Alexander McKee as Reserve Deputy effective 23 July 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Norma Jean Sanders as Reserve Deputy effective 25 July 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; and Ja'Kenya Monay Clancy as Detention Officer, effective 20 July 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Vote: 4-0	Sanders	did not participate in the vote
	Hairston	aye
	Holliman	aye
	Smith	aye
	Brooks	aye

B. Premium Pay Resolution – HB1427 and HB1542

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and spread on the minutes Premium Pay Resolution with regard to HB1427 and HB1542; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to spread on the minutes a Notice to vacate property served by Lowndes County Sheriff Deputy; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to amend the agenda to add out of state travel request; Second Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request for out of state travel to Okaloosa County, Florida by two (2) Sheriff Deputies for prisoner pick up; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

XII.
Sue Fairbank
Butler Snow Representative
Jamie Holliman
Government Consultants Representative

Bids opened.

XIII.
Board Members & Board Attorney

A. TRVWMD Resolution for Roanoke Circle

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes Resolution requesting Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District repair drainage issue with project located at 156 Roanoke Circle; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes the resolution in support of efforts of the Golden Triangle Planning & Development District to apply for grants for Rural Surface Transportation Program; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Executive Session

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

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to go into Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Sanders. 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 authorize Danny Griffin to assist Board Attorney in proposed litigation and make recommendation; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XIV.
Butler Snow Representative
Sue Fairbank
Government Consultants – Jamie Holliman

A. Resolution Sportsplex Financing

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt and spread on the minutes the Resolution awarding the bid for the sale of \$14,750,000 General Obligation

Bonds to BankFirst Financial Services, Inc. at a rate of 3.25262% (Capital Improvements Issue) Sportsplex Financing; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Sanders	aye
Hairston	aye
Holliman	aye
Smith	aye
Brooks	did not participate in the vote

ARPA
Planning Discussion
HORNE, LLP
Representative Ty Hardy

No action taken.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Monday, August 15th, 2022;
seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President