

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
AUGUST 15th, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES
MINUTE BOOK 385

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 15th 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	absent	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, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

**I
Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve August 1st, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve August 1st, 2022, board minutes as amended to correct the start date of Norma Sanders as Reserve Deputy to 1 September 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Vote: Sanders	did not participate in vote
Hairston	aye
Holliman	aye
Smith	aye
Brooks	absent from meeting

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

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

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims docket for period ending August 15th, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Surplus Property-Road Department

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list for Road Department and declare said items surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the following surety bonds:

Columbus Municipal School District:

Cherie A. Labat	Superintendent
Cherie A. Labat	Purchasing Agent
Yvonne B. Cox	Board Member
Cynthia B. Brown	Board of Trustees
Fredrick D. Sparks	Board Member

Telisa Clay Young	Board Member
Josie S. Shumake	Board Member
Tanyia C. Tackett	Business Office Supervisor
Holly M. Rogers	Chief Financial Officer
Holly M. Rogers	Purchasing Agent
Stephen Little	Maintenance Director
Monte Ewing Johnson	Principal
Marlon P. Andrews	McKellar Director
Craig K. Chapman	Asst. Superintendent
	Student Operations
Billie R. Smith	Principal
Tanesha Latham Jennings	Principal
Shanika C. McKinney	Principal
Kimberly Williams	Principal
Melinda L. Robinson	Principal
Shernise Wilson	Asst. Superintendent
	Student & Special Services
Freda L. Dismukes	Principal

Lowndes County, Mississippi:

Paula Ann Cooper	Accounts Payable Clerk
Jimmy Alan Lewis	Reserve Deputy Sheriff
Jeremy T. Reed-Wood	Deputy Sheriff
Zachary P. O'Callaghan	Deputy Sheriff
Brandon Lee Bushey	Reserve Deputy Sheriff
Baron Alexander McKee	Reserve Deputy Sheriff

Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for July 2022 for \$7,608.25; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for the month of May 2022, bank interest in the amount of \$23.19, Civil Collections \$20,135.48 and Criminal Collections \$91,362.29; for the month of June 2022, bank interest in the amount of \$30.48, Civil Collections \$17,187.00 and Criminal Collections \$80,671.61; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the Notice of Semiannual Peer Report with Administrative Office of Courts; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Judge Jim Kitchens
16th District Circuit Court Judge

A. Public Defender Compensation

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to raise Public Defender pay to \$2,500 beginning 1 October 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

VI.
Pat Tuggle
Lowndes County Purchase Clerk

A. Award bid for Additional Asphalt Overlay – 2022 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bid for additional asphalt overlay 2022 Road Plan to APAC; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Award Bids for Sale of Surplus Property – Road Department

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award bids for sale of surplus property for Road Department as listed below:

Thomas Auction Co.	2011 Ford Escape Blue \$7,250.00
JJ Merchant/James Durham	2004 Dodge Dakota White \$3,277.77
JJ Merchant/James Durham	2004 Dodge Dakota Silver \$2,777.77
Tyler Pounders	2007 Ford F150 4x4 Red \$9,500.00

Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Shelley Strickland
Lowndes County Emergency Management Services

A. Adopt New Private Drive – Road name: Late Linns Trail

No action taken.

VIII.
Slaughter & Associates
Richard Donovan

A. Redistricting Legal Descriptions Presentations

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt and spread on the minutes Board of Supervisor Election Districts legal descriptions; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt and spread on the minutes Justice Court and Constable Election Districts legal descriptions; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.

**Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer**

- A. AT&T Utility Permit Lenox Lane, Hillcrest Drive and Mill Road

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T utility permit for buried fiber optic cable along or across Lenox Lane, Hillcrest Drive and Mill Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Franklin Telephone Utility Permit N. Front Street, Artesia Road, Dismukes Street, Old Mayhew Road, Circle Drive and Beulah Grove Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Franklin Telephone Utility Permit for buried fiber optic cable along or across N. Front Street, Artesia Road, Dismukes Street, Old Mayhew Road, Circle Drive and Beulah Grove Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Franklin Telephone Utility Permit Canal Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Franklin Telephone Utility Permit for telephone cable along or across Canal Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.

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

- A. Tax Appeals Notices - 2022

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes right to review letter from Property Tax Associates, Inc. regarding 2022 values; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. August Board Order – 2022 Tax Roll

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes Board Order on 2022 Real and Personal Property and permission to advertise; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. New Hire E911 Enjola S. Watkins

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Enjola S. Watkins as a part-time dispatcher at Lowndes County Emergency Services E911, effective 8 August 2022. Starting rate of pay will be \$13.00 per hour, upon completion of training, promoted to full-time dispatcher at a rate of \$13.75; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Request to advertise County resources with Junior Auxiliary – Report to the Community

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to advertise county resources in Junior Auxiliary of Columbus magazine 1/6 page ad \$235.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Chamber of Commerce Board Member Election

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to designate County Administrator and Board President to make recommendation to Board at the next scheduled Board meeting; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

D. New Hire for Administration – Deborah Starnes – Head Receiving Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the new hire of Deborah Starnes as Head Receiving Clerk/Administrative Assistant effective 31 August 2022, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Following probationary period of 6 months, her rate of pay will be \$20.50; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.
Mike Aldridge
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to spread on the minutes the hire of Michael Love as #2 Driver for Lowndes County Road Department effective 15 August 2022, rate of \$16.79 per hour and Karry Holliday as Crew Member effective 22 August 2022 rate of \$15.35 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approval to Sell Surplus Equipment

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept the Surplus Equipment Guarantee Contract and amend contract to remove the 2016 Polaris Ranger which will be transferred to the Sheriff's Department; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.

**Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. July 2022 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes July 2022 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the hire of Nicholas Tomas Moore as Detention Officer effective 8 August 2022, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV.

Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Supervisor Holliman – TRVWMD Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to request Resolution for assistance from Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District in correcting the issues in and around the Nashville Ferry Boat Ramp; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to authorize Road Department to clean up personal property located on County owned property on Westview Lane; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

Executive Session

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston to discuss legal matter.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to go into Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to come out of Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0.

No action taken.

ARPA
Planning Discussion
HORNE, LLP
Representative Ty Hardy

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt and spread on the minutes Resolution Regarding the Expenditure of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by Lowndes County, Mississippi through the American Rescue Plan Act and Supplemental Contract, effective 15 August 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit Z attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to recess until Wednesday, August 31st, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.



TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk