

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

MINUTE BOOK \_\_\_\_

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Wednesday of 31<sup>st</sup> 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.       | Board Attorney                    |
| Eddie Hawkins         | Sheriff                           |
| Cindy E. Goode        | Chancery Clerk                    |
| Tina Fisher           | 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 Sanders 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 August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve August 15<sup>th</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. July 2022 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the July 2022 financials; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. County Claims Docket – Period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as amended to include travel for Supervisor Leroy Brooks; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bonds for Columbus Municipal School District: Jaylan Barry as Campus Enforcement Officer; Fanjeffica Meady as Secretary; Juvante Burks as Security Officer; Victor Salter as School Safety Officer; Kori Bridges as School Safety Officer; Davin Goulde as school Safety Officer; Tommy Jackson as School Safety Officer; Kimberly Stinson as Secretary; Reginald Adams, as School Safety Officer; Eric Johnson as Security Officer; Johnson Washington as School Safety Officer; Bryan Holliness as School Safety Officer; John Davis as Athletic Director; Robert Pate as Transportation Director; Mia W. Johnson as Child Nutrition Director; and Natashea Coleman-Brown as Security Supervisor; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Pat Tuggle**  
**Lowndes County Purchase Clerk**

- A. Approval Sole-Source Vender Asphalt Zipper

Motion by Supervisor Brooks that based on a finding no other vendor is comparable to the Zipper, accept the request to declare Asphalt Zipper as a sole source provider; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**  
**Sarah Barnes**  
**Lowndes County Assistant Purchase Clerk**

- A. Permission to Advertise for Fleet Leasing/Management Program

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to advertise for 2023 Fleet Leasing/Management Program; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

**VII.**  
**Zach Foster**  
**Neel-Schaffer Engineering**

- A. Columbus Lowndes County Airport Grant Match Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept and spread on the minutes the Mississippi Transportation Commission Airport Federal Matching Grant Agreement Project No. AIP-3-28-0019-025-2022 Columbus-Lowndes County Airport; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII.**  
**Shelley Strickland**  
**Lowndes County Emergency Management Services**

- A. Adopt New Private Drive – Late Linns Trail

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the new private road in District 1 Late Linns Trail; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Summary Change Order Charleigh Ford Drive

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

B. Franklin Telephone Co. Utility Permit Artesia Road

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

C. AT&T Utility Permit Elm Cove, Elm Drive, Kinsale Lane, Cobh Lane, Rhodes Lane, Stoneridge Walk, Freestone Ridge, Thurston Lake, Taylor Thurston

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T Utility Permits for placement of buried fiber optic telecommunications cable along and across Elm Cove, Elm Drive, Kinsale Lane, Cobh Lane, Rhodes Lane, Stoneridge Walk, Freestone Ridge, Thurston Lake, Taylor Thurston; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Adopt advertisement of Canal Bridge project to accept bids September 27, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise Canal Bridge project and accept sealed bids September 27, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Comcast Utility Permit Sumter Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Comcast Utility permit for 2" conduit with fiber along or across Sumter Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Caledonia Natural Gas District Utility Permit Steens Vernon Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Natural Gas District Utility permit for a ¾" road bore along or across Steens Vernon Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. New Hires – E911; Jada Beckum, Chante Weatherspoon

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the hire of Jada Beckum as full-time dispatcher at Lowndes County Emergency Services E911 at \$14.00 per hour effective 31 August 2022 (she is a certified and trained dispatcher) and Chante Weatherspoon as a part-time dispatcher at \$13.00 per hour effective 1 September 2022. Upon Ms. Weatherspoon completion of training, will be promoted to full-time dispatcher at \$13.75 per hour; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Chamber of Commerce Board Member Election

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes nominees for the Advisory Committee Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce to serve a three (3) year term beginning October 1, 2022 and expiring September 30, 2025: Tyler Covington, Lee Nickels, and Brittany Turner; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Golden Triangle Link Board Member Opening Announcement (3)

No action taken.

D. Columbus Lowndes CVB Board Joint Appointment Opening Announcement

No action taken.

E. New Hire Juvenile Detention – Richard Brantley

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the hire of Richard Brantley as Security Director at the Juvenile Detention Center, effective 9 August 2022, rate of pay annual salary \$41,312.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Approval for reimbursement for Medical Expenses Andrew Gill – Sheriff's Department

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the reimbursement request for expenses incurred by Andrew Gill \$50.00 for a mandatory examination for the Sheriff's Department; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Announce Public Hearing for 2023 Budget – 15 September 2022, 9:30 a.m.

No action taken.

**XI.**  
**Mike Aldridge**  
**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Jason Williams as Class II Driver a rate of \$16.79 per hour, effective September 6, 2022; and Joseph Cockrell as Crew Member at a rate of \$15.35 per hour, effective August 29, 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Board Reports

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

C. Abbey Road

Motion by Supervisor Sanders request Board Attorney draft contract for DBST on Abbey Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**XII.**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hire – Detention Officer, School Resource Officers

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the following hires: Dustin Wayne Capps as Detention Officer at a rate of pay \$14.17 per hour effective August 18, 2022; Alvin Deshun Ellis as Deputy Sheriff - SRO at a rate of pay \$18.25 per hour effective August 29, 2022; and Beunka Breshall Johnson as Deputy Sheriff – SRO at a rate of pay \$18.25 per hour effective September 1, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Out-of-State travel request – Peterson, Bell

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve out-of-state travel to North Carolina for Ric Peterson and Chad Bell to testify in a murder trial; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**XII.**  
**Board Members & Board Attorney**

A. Supervisor John Holliman – Resolution for TRVWMD support 37 Woodridge Place

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes a Resolution requesting assistance from Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District to correct an issue in and around 37 Woodridge Place; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Supervisor Jeff Smith – Eau Claire Subdivision

Motion by Supervisor Smith to look into funding options for water/sewer concerns in Eau Claire Subdivision; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

### **Executive Session**

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

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Smith. 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 follow the advice of hired attorney and Board Attorney's advice regarding legal issues; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



*Cindy E. Goode*

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

*Tripp Hairston*

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President