

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES  
MINUTE BOOK 386

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Thursday, the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of September 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                    |
| 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, Jeff Smith, Supervisor, District 4
- 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 Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket Period Ending September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C 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 Surety Bonds for: Deborah B. Starnes, Receiving Clerk; Beunka B. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff/School Resource Officer; Alvin D. Ellis, Deputy Sheriff; Dennis J. Dupree, Columbus Municipal School District Purchasing Agent; Sayonia Garvin, Lowndes County School District Purchasing Agent; Kessler R. Bradley, Lowndes County School District Purchasing Agent; Aaron Lee, Lowndes County School District Principal; Angela Wilcox, Lowndes County School District Principal; Antonio Glenn Magee, Lowndes County School District Principal; Jeannie Kaye Jernigan, Lowndes County School District Principal/Administrator; and Eric Shaun Guerrero, Lowndes County School District Principal; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of August 2022, in the amount of \$5,273.72; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Utility Permit Atmos Energy – Charleigh Ford Drive

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Atmos Energy Utility Permit for a 4 inch HDPE gas main and 2 inch HDPE gas service line along or across Charleigh D. Ford, Jr. Drive; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Change Orders Sportsplex

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes Change Orders for Sportsplex Communication Conduit (\$8,223.92) and 4-County Power Transformer (\$21,135.03); Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1.

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

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

A. Tax Rolls 2022 Real & Personal Recap

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

**VII.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Advertisement with Supervisors Fall/Spring Progress Edition of The Commercial Dispatch

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise county resources 1/3 page in Fall and Spring Progress editions of The Commercial Dispatch; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

B. Set Trust Meeting 30 September 2022

Motion by Supervisor Smith to set the Trust meeting for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



C. GT LINK Board Appointment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Albert Jethrow to GT LINK Board to seat vacated by Dennis Erby seat; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

D. Out-of-State Travel Authorization – Sonny Sanders

Motion by Supervisor Smith to allow out-of-state travel for Constable Sonny Sanders to Galveston, Texas for National Constables & Marshalls Association Convention and any expenses incurred with out-of-state travel; Second by Supervisor Brooks; Vote 5-0.

**VIII.**

**Mike Aldridge  
Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the hire of Lamarcus Thompson as Class II Driver effective 15 September 2022, rate of \$16.79 per hour and promotion of Robbie Jacobs to Foreman effective 19 September 2022 rate of \$19.69 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX.**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. Meal Log – August 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the August 2022 meal log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire – Detention Officer

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Tawonda Shanta Tallie-Elem as Detention Officer beginning 19 September 2022, rate of \$14.17 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. FY22 Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) Grant Agreement and Award Packet

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the FY22 Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant Agreement and Award Packet; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Lodging for Visiting Instructors for Professional Development

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve over-night accommodations for training agents from DeSoto County Mississippi at rate of \$960 Hyatt; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**  
**Tim Hudson**  
**Board Attorney**

A. Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Resolution between Lowndes County, Mississippi Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch, Inc., and Palmer Home for Children regarding a lawsuit concerning the use of approximately 320 acres located in Lowndes County, Mississippi and approve the terms of the Agreed Temporary Order attached; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0.

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| Sanders  | aye               |
| Hairston | not participating |
| Holliman | aye               |
| Smith    | aye               |
| Brooks   | aye               |

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING 9:30 a.m.**

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

No one appeared to address the Board.

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

(Sign in sheet is attached as Exhibit O and incorporated herein)

**Trip Hairston**  
**Board President**

A. Adopt Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to accept and adopt Fiscal Year 2023 budget as presented and recommended by County Administrator and CFO; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes Lowndes County School Board request; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to make a finding the maintenance portion of Lowndes County School District request is outside 6.99% allowed by law; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve Lowndes County School Board request School Maintenance \$20,693,086; Debt Services: General Obligation Bonds \$3,928,441; Three Mil/10-2 year Notes including QSCB Bonds \$1,638,000; and Shortfall Note \$1,829,476 for a total tax request for school year 2022-2023 \$28,089,003.

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| Vote 4-1. | Sanders  | nay |
|           | Hairston | aye |
|           | Holliman | aye |
|           | Smith    | aye |
|           | Brooks   | aye |

B. Set Fiscal Year 2023 Lowndes County Millage

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept the recommendation of County Administrator to set the General Purpose Mills for Lowndes County of 43.26 mills; Second Supervisor Smith.

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| Vote 4-1. | Sanders  | aye |
|           | Hairston | aye |
|           | Holliman | aye |
|           | Smith    | aye |
|           | Brooks   | nay |

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Set Fiscal Year 2023 EMCC Millage

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to set the total millage for EMCC at 2 mills; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Lowndes County Schools

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to set the total millage for Lowndes County Schools at 51.44 mills; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)



**ARPA PLANNING SESSION**  
**Ty Hardy and Stanley Spradling**

Motion by Supervisor Smith to declare intent to support water line request from South Lowndes Water Association \$137,800; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare intent to support the following projects for funding requests submitted by County Administrator with intent to match:

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| LCIDA         | \$1,620,000 |
| Caledonia     | \$1,235,000 |
| Prairie Land  | \$ 890,000  |
| Artesia       | \$ 155,000  |
| South Lowndes | \$ 137,800  |
| Crawford      | \$ 200,000  |

Motion second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare intent for second allocation of \$1,000 to each eligible full-time employee and \$500 to each eligible part-time employee from revenue loss funds for incentive pay for work performed based on recommendations by Horne Group and U.S. Treasure Department guidelines effective 15 December 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize County Engineer Calvert-Spradling to perform survey to identify property mentioned in Mississippi Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch Resolution; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President