

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 387

**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 17<sup>TH</sup> day of October 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                    |
| 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 Brooks to adopt agenda; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**Board Minutes**

- A. Approve September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</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 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket Period Ending October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. September 2022 Financials

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

- C. FY2022 Amended Budget

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the FY2022 Amended Budget; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. FY2022 Inventory Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the FY2022 Inventory Reports; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

- A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes surety bonds for the following: David Tedford, Detention Officer; Tawonda Tallie-Elem as Detention Officer; James Kevin Forrester, Sr. as Deputy Sheriff; and Dexter L. Peterson Columbus Municipal School District as Principal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Reports for the month of September 2022, in the amount of \$6,737.87; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for the month of September 2022, bank interest in the amount of \$33.06, Civil Collections \$28,166.00 and Criminal Collections \$80,285.39; Aged Account for Delinquent Justice Court Cases Report and G.A.S.B. 2021 Report; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Sheriff's Meal Log September 2022

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Meal Log for the month of September 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**

**Neal Austin**  
**Lowndes County Fire Coordinator**  
**Cindy Lawrence**  
**Emergency Management Director**

A. Presentation pilot program - Volunteer Fire Departments

No action taken.

B. Board Attorney Tim Hudson – PHI Health, LLC. Lease Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Board President Trip Hairston to execute 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to Lease Agreement with PHI Health, LLC.; and spread Agreement on the minutes; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**

**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**  
**(Not Present)**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Utility Permit – C Spire, Yorkshire Road East

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Cspire Utility permit for buried fiber telecommunications route along or across

Yorkshire Road East; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Payment Crop Damage by Sewer Line

Motion by Supervisor Smith to reimburse Chuck Younger for damage to crops in the amount of \$271.00, as part of the construction of the Sportsplex sewer main; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII**

**Mike Aldridge**

**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the transfer of Weston Brock to Central Maintenance as a Mechanic's Helper effective 18 October 2022, rate of pay \$16.85 per hour; and transfer of Isaiah Brackett to Central Maintenance as a Mechanic's Helper effective 18 October 2022, rate of pay \$16.85 per hour; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the promotion of Danny Cunningham to Assistant Road Manager, effective 1 November 2022, with a salary of \$60,000 per year; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Agreement Abbey Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes two Warranty Deeds and Agreement between Lowndes County, Mississippi and Kenny Frye regarding Abbey Road completion; Second Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII**

**Jay Fisher**

**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. New Hire – E911

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Arbriuna Martin as a part-time dispatcher, effective 17 October 2022, starting rate of pay \$14.00; upon completion of training and 6 months' probation, she will be promoted to full-time dispatcher at rate of pay \$14.75; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire – Justice Court

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of QuaShonda Gore as a full-time Justice Court Civil Deputy Clerk, effective 18 October 2022, starting rate

of pay \$13.25; upon completion of probationary period, her rate of pay will be \$13.75; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Request for Administrative Leave – Johannah Owusu – E911

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the request for administrative leave for Johannah Owusu effective 17 October 2022 for maternity leave for a period up to 12 weeks; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. ARPA MOU with CVB Board

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the ARPA MOU contingent upon the acceptance and approval by CVB Board; Second by Supervisor Smith; Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Crime Lab Equipment Purchase

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept County Administrator recommendation to purchase Crime Lab Equipment entirely with ARPA funds, contingent upon an agreement between Lowndes County and City of Columbus; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

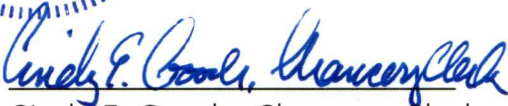
F. Recreation Department update

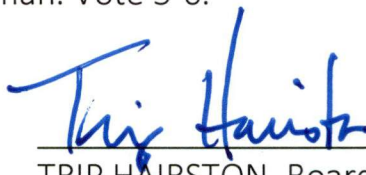
No action taken.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST

  
Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk



TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President