

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 31ST, 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 31ST 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 attended via GoToMeeting	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	Sheriff
Cindy E. Goode	Chancery Clerk
Amy Barksdale	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 Holliman to adopt agenda; Second by Supervisor Smith.
Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
Board Minutes

A. Approve October 17th Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve October 17th, 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 31st, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket Period Ending October 31st, 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Surplus Property

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 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes surety bonds for the following: Shannon Williams as Detention Officer; Tammy Blackwell-Jones as Detention Officer; Jennifer Renee Fincher as Detention Officer; Quashonda D. Gore as Deputy Justice Court Clerk; Emily B. Estes as Detention Officer/Transport; Bond Rider for Carley Michelle Estes Assistant Receiving Clerk change bond amount from \$75,000 to \$50,000; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Zach Foster
Neel-Schaffer Engineering

A. Columbus Lowndes County Airport Proposal to award contract to APAC for the CLCA Taxiway Pavement Rehab Project

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award contract to APAC for Columbus Lowndes County Airport Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation Project \$542,275; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. FY2023 Use of AIP Grant

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept the recommendation of engineer to use the AIP Grant for FY2023; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

VI.

Matt Dowell

Golden Triangle Regional Airport Manager

A. MDA Airport Improvement Loan Intent Resolution

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Resolution Declaring Intention of Board of Supervisors to authorize and approve a loan on behalf of County and Golden Triangle Regional Airport authority from Mississippi Development Authority in amount not to exceed 1,000,000 for purpose of improvements to facility and promote commerce and economic growth; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

Bob Calvert

Lowndes County Engineer

A. Two Change Orders for Agri-Center Concession project

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes change orders for concrete walkway and roof lights at Agri-Center; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Bridge Reports – no action taken.

VIII

Mike Aldridge

Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for October 2022 and work schedule for November 2022; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the promotion of Scott Graves to #1 Operator effective 31 October 2022 rate of pay \$18.29 per hour; promotion of Timothy Harris to #1 Operator effective 31 October 2022 rate of pay \$18.29 per hour; and promotion of Gerry Sanders to #1 Operator effective 31 October 2022 rate of pay \$18.29 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of William Brown as part-time Class I Driver effective 7 November 2022 rate \$18.29 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
Greg Andrews
Lowndes County Tax Assessor

A. Insolvents (21 Personal Property) (22 Mobile Homes)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes Insolvent collections for 2022 Mobile Homes \$69,476.88 and 2021 Personal Property \$310,878.55; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Tax Refund – Mary Krupica #19118

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the tax refund in the amount of \$809.25 to Mary Krupica, based on a finding she was over 65 Homestead for 2021 and 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. 2022 Tax Rolls Approved

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes approval of 2022 tax roll approved by Department of Revenue; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Jennifer Fincher as part-time Detention Officer/Analyst effective 25 October 2022 rate of \$15.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Out-of-State Travel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes approve of out-of-state travel to Harris County, Texas for fugitive pickup, for Earl Hester and Pete Patrick; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B. Personal Expense Reimbursement – Fuel Costs

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the reimbursement of \$92.00 to Pete Patrick for fuel, based on a finding the Fuelman card malfunctioned; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Notification of MDOT Road Name Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes MDOT Road Name Approval of Mary Manor the old section of US Hwy 45A; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. New Hope Road Closures – Christmas Parade December 13th

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve road closures for Yorkville, New Hope Road, Stadium Road and New Hope Softball Road December 13th during the time of the Christmas Parade; Second by Supervisor Smith; Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Set Public Hearing for Dilapidated Properties for Wednesday, November 30th

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to set Public Hearing for Dilapidated Properties located at 43 Robin Circle, 93 Robin Street and 103 Kelly Cove, for Wednesday, November 30, 2022; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

F. Approval Upcoming Holidays – Governor's Executive Order Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and spread on the minutes Governor's Executive Order for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays as County holidays; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept \$50,000, one a year for two years, from Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency fund, not subject to ARPA restrictions; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

H. Demonstration of New Technology for future Board Meeting Administration

No action taken.

XII
Board Members & Board Attorney

A. Supervisor Sanders – Caledonia Girls Varsity Volleyball

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to pass a Resolution to recognize and congratulate Caledonia Girls Varsity Volleyball for winning the MHSAA Class 4A Mississippi State Volleyball Championship; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Supervisor Holliman – Yellow Brick Road

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize County Engineer Bob Calvert to determine length of Yellow Brick Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Executive Session

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston pursuant to Mississippi Code 27-41-7(4)(j), for transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location relocation or expansion of a business, medical service or an industry.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Project Cooperation Agreement for new economic development projects; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to come out of Executive Session; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

Board President Hairston, stated after discussions, the Board voted to approve a Project Cooperation Agreement with the industry for new economic development project located in the county, and further details of the industry and agreement will be more fully disclosed and copy of agreement made available when Board reconvenes Monday, 7 November 2022 at 8:45 a.m. after a recess until that date and time.

Supervisor Brooks left the meeting.

ARPA WORKSHOP

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the funding source for South Lowndes Water Project not funded under Revenue Loss Funds, but through Non-Revenue Loss Funds in the amount of \$137,000; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess until Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.

Board President Hairston called the 31 October 2022 meeting back from recess:

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt and spread on the minutes the Resolution authorizing the execution of a Project Cooperation agreement in connection with Multiple Economic Development Projects (Aluminum Project, Biocarbon Project, and Other project); Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn until Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President