

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 7^H, 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 7TH day of November 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
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, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Trip Hairston, Board President
- 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 Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**Presentation by Supervisor Sanders
Caledonia Girls Varsity Volleyball**

Presentation by Supervisor Sanders Resolution honoring Caledonia Girls Varsity Volleyball State Championship.

II

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

A. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of October 2022, in the amount of \$8,291.88; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III.

**Shelley Strickland
Lowndes County Emergency Management**

A. Naming section of US Hwy 45 South Alternate – Mary Manor

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the naming of US Hwy 45 South Alternate to Mary Manor; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.

**Claudette Gilman
Columbus Crime Lab Representative**

A. Purchase of Crime Lab Drug Testing Equipment

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the agreement to purchase crime lab drug testing equipment with City of Columbus, contingent upon approval of all parties; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

V.

**Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Recommendation of Renewal of Health Insurance – Insurance Committee

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept the request of County Administrator for renewal of health insurance with United Healthcare MRM/Zuich, effective 1 January 2023; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Annual Report of Wildlife support from USDA Wildlife Specialist John Powell

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the Year End Report for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Concerned Citizen Carl Lee

Mr. Lee addressed the board. No action taken.

**VI.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff**

- A. Axon Contract Renewal

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Axon Contract Renewal; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Property Room Surplus Item Sales Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Asset Disposition Services Agreement with PropertyRoom.com, Inc.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII.
Board Members & Board Attorney**

- A. East Lowndes Water Request Supervisor Hairston

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to provide requested support of East Lowndes Water Association in amount of \$423,060, contingent upon approval of risk assessment by Horne, LLC and funds designated out of ARPA regular water project funds; Second by Supervisor Hairston, Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Board Attorney Tim Hudson – Solar Energy Agreement

No action taken.

Executive Session

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

Motion by Supervisor Sanders 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 Hairston authorize Board Attorney to seek legal action, in the event an emergency situation arises, to protect county employees and county property; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

ARPA
Planning Discussion
HORNE, LLP
Representative Ty Hardy

Motion by Supervisor Smith 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 upon execution of a grant agreement, the transfer of \$137,800 ARPA SLFRF funds to South Lowndes Water Association for Hwy 45A Water Main Extension Project; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Supervisor Brooks exits meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes the Board's continued support of requests for matching funds; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to recess until Tuesday, November 15th, 2022; seconded by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President