

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK 389

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, the 15th day of February 2023, 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
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, Jay Fisher, County Administrator
- 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.)

II
Approve February 6th, 2023
Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes February 6th board minutes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Glenn Lautzenhiser

Addressed the Board – March 2023 fights in honor of Henry Armstrong at the Trotter. No action taken.

III
Lowndes County CFO
Lloyd Price

A. County Claims Docket – Period ending February 15th, 2023

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes County Claims Docket period ending February 15th, 2023; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk
Cindy Goode

A. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for January, 2023 for \$7,238.24; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for the month of January, 2023, Civil collections in the amount of \$30,676.00 and Criminal collections in the amount of \$83,226.37 and bank interest in the amount of \$22.70; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
East Mississippi Community College
President, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks
Mayor Keith Gaskin

EMCC Update – No action taken.

VI.
Citizen Joe Murphy

A. Consideration of County Ordinance Prohibiting Sale of Tianeptine (ZaZa)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt a Resolution in full support of House Bill 304 passed by the Mississippi House of Representatives and being considered by Mississippi Senate banning Tianeptine (ZaZa); Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks for Board of Supervisors to have a joint public hearing with Columbus City Council prohibiting sale of Tianeptine (ZaZa); Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

VII.
Lowndes County Administrator
Jay Fisher

A. New Hire – E-911 – Monica Abrams

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Monica Abrams as E-911 dispatcher at a rate of \$14.25 per hour effective 13 February 2023; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

B. Increase County Judge Pay

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to increase County Judge Pay to \$157,000 retroactive 1 January 2023; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

C. Resolution Authorizing RBDG Grant -USDA Recreation Study

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt a Resolution in support of the application for Rural Business Development Grant and designates and authorizes County Administrator Jay Fisher to sign all necessary documents relating to this grant; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Offer for Real Property Microtek Medical, Inc.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept the purchase price of \$500,000 outlined in the counter-offer, reject their counter-offer of increased earnest money allowing our offer of \$10,000 earnest money to remain, to specifically spell out “approximately 5 acres of land” in the counter-offer, and authorize Board Attorney Tim Hudson to negotiate proper due diligence; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

VIII.
Lowndes County Road Manager
Mike Aldridge

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for January 2023 and work schedule for February 2023; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Wakefield Drive and Stirling Drive deeds – Lowndes County

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept deeds from Christopher Clardy to Lowndes County for Wakefield Drive and Stirling Drive and Clerk to record same in the land records; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Lowndes County Engineer
Bob Calvert

A. Caledonia Water and Sewer Dept. Utility Permit Spruill Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Water and Sewer Department Utility Permit for 1" water service line along or across Spruill Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Supervisor Brooks leaves meeting.

X.
Lowndes County Sheriff
Eddie Hawkins

A. Present two (2) Baseline Security Services Agreements for Approval
Aluminum Dynamics, LLC Agreement
SDI Biocarbon Solutions, LLC Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes Security Services Agreements for Aluminum Dynamics, LLC and SDI Biocarbon Solutions, LLC.; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Request Approval to Accept Homeland Security Grant

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$17,600 for radios for Sheriff's Department; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. January 2023 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the January 2023 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. New Hire – Detention Officer

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Randy Wayne Magers as Detention Officer, rate of pay \$15.00 per hour, effective 13 February 2023; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reimbursement Sheriff email domain

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve reimbursement to Sheriff Eddie Hawkins in the amount of \$113.97 for 3 year renewal domain name email system; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.

Board Members/Board Attorney

A. Resolution Supporting Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adopt a Resolution designating the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Lowndes County, Mississippi; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to recess until Tuesday, February 28th, 2023; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0.




TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:


Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk