

BE IT REMEMBERED that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at The Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 17th day of April, 2017, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1, Board President
Bill Brigham	Supervisor, District 2
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3, Board Vice-President
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson, Esq.	Board Attorney
Lisa Younger Neese	Chancery Clerk
Mike Arledge	Sheriff
Ralph Billingsley	County Administrator

County Staff Members

Members of News Media

County Citizens

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- Call to Order, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Invocation, John Holliman, Supervisor, District 3
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

**I  
BOARD AGENDA**

Reference: Agenda Review

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II  
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for April 3, 2017, presented by Chancery Clerk for Supervisors' consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve April 3, 2017, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

**III  
LLOYD PRICE  
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: County Claims Docket - Period Ending April 15, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board County Claims Docket for period ending April 15, 2017,
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – March, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending March, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Surplus Property

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare surplus and remove

from inventory the following, to wit:

- (1) Road Department – Stihl chain saw (stolen)
- (2) Sheriff's Department – 40 guns (trade-in)
- (3) Tax Assessor Office – 3 chairs (broken)

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV  
GREG ANDREWS  
Tax Assessor / Collector

Reference: International Paper 10-Year Tax Exemption - Equipment Upgrade

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve International Paper Company 10-year tax exemption (1-1-17 thru 12-31-26) for equipment upgrade (total value, \$11,139,682.84)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V  
JOE HIGGINS  
CEO, Golden Triangle Development Link

Reference: Project GARAGE - Resolutions (DIP & MDA Grant Agreements) + MDA Rail Loan Program

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve rail loan with MDA in amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to help fund freight rail service project to support New Process Steel expansion; and to adopt Resolutions, to wit:

Approving grant agreement with MDA in amount not to exceed \$750,000 for constructing access road improvements to industrial site expansion project

Approving submission of applications for and conditional acceptance and use of proceeds of Development Infrastructure

**Program Grants (DIP) together with MDA rail loan to fund expansion of existing industry**

**- - Second by Supervisor Holliman**

**- - - Vote 5-0**

**(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**VI**

**PHYLLIS BENSON**

**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District**

**Reference: Project GARAGE – Rail Loan Program Funds /  
DIP Agreements - Resolution**

**- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution committing rail loan funds to Project GARAGE and leveraging DIP Agreement funds to said MDA loan for infrastructure improvements to support expansion of New Process Steel on Steel Dynamics site**

**- - Second by Supervisor Brigham**

**- - - Vote 5-0**

**(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**VII**

**BOB CALVERT**

**County Engineer**

**Reference: Board Order / Bridge Inspections – Office of State Aid  
Road Construction**

**- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt Board Order authorizing State Aid engineer to conduct state-wide consultant selection for performing bridge inspection services at following locations:**

**Luxapalila Creek (Waterworks Road)**

**Oak Slush Creek (Old West Point Road)**

**Sand Creek (Canal Road)**

**- - Second by Supervisor Brooks**

**- - - Vote 5-0**

**(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**VIII**  
**RONNIE BURNS**  
**Road Manager**

**A. Reference: Personnel – Road Department**

**(1) Transfer**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve transfer of Kevin Baucom to Class II operator at \$14.94 per hour effective April 18, 2017, to include six-month probationary period
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**(2) New Hires**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize hire of Rickey Boone as crew member (District 2) and Tyler Pennington as crew member (District 3) at \$13.50 per hour effective April 18, 2017, to include six-month probationary period
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Road Department Monthly Reports – March, 2017**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for March, 2017, together with work schedule for April, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**LISA YOUNGER NEESE**  
**Chancery Clerk**

**A. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – March, 2017**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board civil and criminal Justice Court collections for March, 2017, to wit:

**Civil - \$25,191.60**

**Criminal - \$99,440.46**

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Sheriff's Department – Amended Report of Monies Received –  
March, 2017**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Department 'Corrected' Report of Monies Received for March, 2017, in amount of \$8,031.99
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**  
**MIKE ARLEDGE**  
Sheriff

**Reference: Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility Inmate Daily  
Meal Log – March, 2017**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board March, 2017, Inmate Daily Meal Log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI**  
**RALPH BILLINGSLEY**  
County Administrator

**A. Reference: Mississippi Association of Supervisors Insurance  
Trust - Election of Trustees**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to cast Lowndes County's vote for Bobby Rushing, David Hogan and Troy Ross (incumbents) to serve on MASIT Board of Trustees
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Legislative Special Section – Local System Bridge Program  
& State Aid Road Construction**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to request Governor Bryant to include funding for LSBP and Office of State Aid Road Construction in called special legislative session
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**C. Reference: District Attorney Victim Assistance Grant Renewal**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to apply for District Attorney's Victim Assistance Grant
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - No Vote
  
- Substitute Motion by Supervisor Sanders to postpone agenda item until next Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - 5-0

**D. Reference: Police Motorcycle - City of Columbus Loan**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept loan of 2012 Harley Davidson police motorcycle from City of Columbus for one year
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**E. Reference: Resolution – Late Fees / Solid Waste Collections**

- Upon passage of House Bill #1149, Motion by Supervisor Brigham to adopt Resolution to reenact late fees on delinquent garbage bills
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**F. Reference: Meeting Announcement – Lowndes County Reserve and Trust Fund Board of Trustees**

May 1, 2017, 9:30 A.M. meeting of Lowndes County Reserve and Trust Fund Board of Trustees

**G. Reference: Establish Interim Recreation Manager Position**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to establish interim recreation manager position and hire Roger Short to fill said position

effective May 1, 2017

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- No Vote

- Substitute Motion by Supervisor Brooks to create job description for interim recreation manager position and address agenda item at next Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- Vote 5-0

#### H. Reference: Out-of-State Travel / Sheriff's Department

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve out-of-state travel for Chief Deputy Marc Miley to attend National Sheriff's Association Conference in Orlando May 24, 2017, through May 27, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

## XII CLOSED DETERMINATION

#### Reference: Legal Matter + Personnel Issue

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Closed Determination
- Upon being informed of basis of legal issue and personnel matter, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into Executive Session
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

## XIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### A. Reference: Legal Matter / Justice Court Altercation – BOARD ATTORNEY

Informed Board that County was put on 'Notice' to preserve video Evidence of altercation

#### B. Reference: Personnel Issue /E911 – SUPERVISOR SANDERS

Discussion regarding E911 employee shift absences

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to close Executive Session and reconvene regular Board of Supervisors open meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0



**XIV  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**A. Reference: Legal Matter / Justice Court Altercation**

Video evidence of altercation to be preserved by County

**B. Reference: Personnel Issue – E911**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to conduct due process investigation into employee shift absences
  - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
  - - - Vote 5-0

**XV  
RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until Friday, April 21, 2017, 9:00 A.M.
  - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
  - - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:17 A.M., April 17, 2017)

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk