

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

April 4, 2016

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

MINUTE BOOK \_\_\_\_

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, 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, Mike Arledge, Sheriff
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President

- Invocation, Mike Arledge, Sheriff
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

**I  
BOARD AGENDA**

Reference: Agenda Review

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended
  - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
  - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II  
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for March 15, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve March 15, 2016, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
  - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
  - - - Vote 5-0

**III  
JEFF SMITH**

Reference: Recognition / First Responders – March 31, 2016, Storms

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to recognize and applaud E-911, EMA, Road Department, Sheriff's Department and others who responded timely and worked diligently in aftermath of March 31, 2016, storms
  - - Second by Supervisor Sanders
  - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**BOB CALVERT**  
County Engineer

**CHRIS MORROW**  
Pryor/Morrow Architects & Engineers

**A. Reference: Award Bid – County Horse Park Building**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award bid to JEM Contracting for construction of Lowndes County horse park administration building
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Utility Permit / Old Wolfe Road - Caledonia Natural Gas District**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Caledonia Natural Gas permit application to construct ¾” natural gas service line between stations 2857 and 2757 along or across Old Wolfe Road
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V**  
**JOE HIGGINS, CEO**  
Golden Triangle Development Link

**Reference: Facility Access Agreement / Agracel, Inc. – Old CalStar Building**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Facility Access Agreement with Agracel, Inc., proposed Lessee of old CalStar building, effective March 28, 2016, through May 30, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI  
SUE FAIRBANKS, Esquire  
Baker/Donelson Law Firm

Reference: Resolution of Intent - Bonding Authority Renewal

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread upon Minutes of Board Resolution of Lowndes County Economic Development District dated March 15, 2016, and to adopt Resolution of Intent to issue general obligation bonds, issue a general obligation bond for sale to Mississippi Development Bank or enter into loan with Mississippi Development Bank, all in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for purpose of providing funds for industrial development, and to direct publication of Notice of such intent
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII  
PUBLIC HEARING

Reference: Intent to Abandon Portion of True Grit Road

Public hearing opened by Board President at 9:15 to receive citizen comments re: proposed abandonment of portion of True Grit Road

No input received by public

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to close public hearing
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII  
BOARD MEETING  
(Continuation)

Reference: Board Order – Abandonment of Portion of True Grit Road

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to abandon South 130 feet of existing public portion of True Grit Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**DAVIS BASINGER**  
Chief Financial Officer

**A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending March 31, 2016**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending March 31, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: MSU Honorarium / JJ Trials Grant – Youth Court**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept MSU honorarium in amount of \$1,000 as participant in JJ Trials Program, said grant to benefit Lowndes County Youth Court
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**  
**TIM HEARD**  
GTPDD Information Technology Specialist

**Reference: Statement of Appreciation**

As Mr. Heard's tenure as Lowndes County's part-time IT specialist ends, extended appreciation to Board for opportunity to serve County past 22 years

No Board Action

**XI**  
**GREG LEWIS, Director**  
Columbus/Lowndes Recreation Authority

**Reference: Property Exchange - Lowndes County School District & Lowndes County**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to deed New Hope baseball field property to Lowndes County School District in exchange for Deed to +/- 3 acres on East side of Stadium Road near New Hope Community Center to be utilized by County as recreational park

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

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XII**  
**TERESA BARKSDALE**  
Circuit Clerk

Reference: Relocation – Polling Precincts (2)

(1) East Columbus Gym

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to move Columbus High precinct located at Columbus High suspension room to East Columbus gym located at 207 Lawrence Drive and rename polling precinct East Columbus Gym
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Immanuel Baptist Church

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to move Columbus Christian Academy precinct located in Steens to Immanuel Baptist Church at 6342 Military Road and rename polling precinct Immanuel Baptist Church
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIII**  
**GLORIA BLUNT**  
Purchasing Clerk

Reference: Polyethylene Culverts – Rescind Bid Award / Perma Corp

- Upon recommendation of Road Manager, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to rescind bid awarded to Perma Corp for polyethylene culverts
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV**  
**GREG ANDREWS**  
**Tax Assessor / Collector**

**Reference: Tag Renewal Contract – Diversified Companies, LLC**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify Agreement of Service with Diversified Companies, Inc. for production, warehousing, shipping and mailing of tag renewals
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XV**  
**RONNIE BURNS**  
**Road Manager**

**A. Reference: Storm Debris Removal**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Road Manager to solicit quotes for storm debris removal not to exceed \$50,000
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

**B. Reference: Road Department Monthly Board Reports – March, 2016**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for March, 2016, together with work schedule for April, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVI**  
**MIKE ARLEDGE**  
**Sheriff**

**A. Reference: Surplus Property**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to declare 9 weapons surplus and remove from inventory (Description / Serial #'s attached)
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Transfer of County Property**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify transfer of 3 Smith & Wesson rifles from Columbus Fire & Rescue to Sheriff's Department (Serial #'s attached)
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**C. Reference: Sole Source Equipment Purchase – Cellebrite**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to purchase Cellebrite UFED package for computer forensics utilized in criminal investigations (sole source)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVII  
RALPH BILLINGSLEY  
County Administrator**

**A. Reference: District 2 Constable's Annual Financial Report**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Annual Financial Report of Constable Joe Ables
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Resignation / Announce Vacancy – LCPA Board / District 1**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept resignation of Roger Bell as president of Lowndes County Port Authority Board effective April 1, 2016, and announce vacancy to fill unexpired term of said District 1 representative (Term expires 3-31-19)
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**C. Reference: American Red Cross – Use of County Office Space**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize usage of office space at County Building Inspection Office to American Red Cross for period of one year



- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

D. Reference: Wetlands Issue – Board Letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Board letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting assistance with County wetlands issues; i.e., waiver of wetlands mitigation studies and potential mitigation costs
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Mineral Rights Lease Proposal – Gulf Pine Energy BWB

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Mineral Rights Lease with Gulf Pine Energy BWB on 10-acre tract of County property at site of Road Department Maintenance Facility on Highway 45 north
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Reference: Emergency Proclamation

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify and spread upon Minutes of Board 7-Day Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency commencing March 31, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XVIII  
RECESS

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until April 15, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:04 A.M., April 4, 2016)

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk