

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

August 14, 2015

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, Friday, the 14th day of August, 2015, 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
Marc Miley	Chief Deputy 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, Ralph Billingsley, County Administrator
- 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 August 3, 2015, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve August 3, 2015, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

**III
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending August 14, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending August 14, 2015
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – July, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending

July, 2015

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Insurance Settlement – Sheriff’s Vehicle

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to declare Sheriff’s
Department vehicle surplus and accept Zurich settlement
offer of \$5,128.07, to wit: Totaled 2008 Crown Vic,
VIN 2FAFP71V58X162878
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV

THOMAS M. HUEBNER, JR., Ph.D.
President, East Mississippi Junior College

GREG STEWART
Trustee, East Mississippi Junior College

Reference: Introduction to Board

Introduction of Thomas M. Huebner, Jr., new EMCC
President, by EMCC Trustee, Greg Stewart

No Board Action

V

BRENT THOMPSON
Field Representative for Congressman Trent Kelly

Reference: Introduction to Board

Informs Board of services offered by Congressman Kelly’s
office and encourages communication from public

No Board Action

VI
JIM KITCHENS, Esquire
Circuit Court Judge

NIKKI CLARK
Circuit Court Reporter

Reference: Court Reporter Pay Increase – Mississippi House
Bill 2049

Judge Kitchens requested Board fund 37% of \$18,000
pay raise for each of three official circuit court reporters, said
amount to be tiered at \$6,000 per annum for each reporter over
next three years

No Board Action

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
ALICE LANCASTER
Regent, Bernard Romans Chapter
Daughters of American Revolution

Reference: World War I Plaques – Courthouse Monument

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allocate funds (not to
exceed \$6,320) for placement of two white marble plaques
honoring World War I veterans on granite monument to be
erected at front of courthouse
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
GLORIA BLUNT
Purchasing Clerk

Reference: Advertisement - Road Department Semi-Annual Bids

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise for sealed semi-
annual bids for the following items, to wit: hot mix
asphalt, asphalt over-lay, wash gravel, herbicides, corrugated
polyethylene culverts, high intensity sign sheeting, cold mix
asphalt, limestone, corrugated steel culverts, aluminum
signs and sign posts

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

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
CHARLIE CULPEPPER
Building Inspector

Reference: 108 McLemore Road Property

- Pursuant to Code Section 19-5-105, Motion by Supervisor Brigham to set dilapidated property hearing for August 31, 2015, 9:15 A.M., regarding above-referenced property
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

Reference: East Lowndes Water Association Utility Permit -
Lee-Stokes Road

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve permit application of East Lowndes Water Association to construct water facility along or across Lee-Stokes Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Personnel

(1) Employee Transfer

- Upon recommendation of Road Manager, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to transfer Bobby Allen to position

of class I equipment operator at rate of \$15.94 per hour effective August 17, 2015

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) New Hire

- Upon recommendation of Road Manager, Motion by Supervisor Brigham to hire Michelle Hood as class I crew member at rate of \$13.50 per hour effective August 17, 2015 (inclusive of six-month probationary period)

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII

GEORGE H. CRAWFORD

Project Analyst

Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

Reference: Steel Dynamics, Inc., Expansion Project

A. Rail Loan

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to submit application to Mississippi Development Authority for rail loan in amount of \$1,000,000

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Rail Loan Re-payment– Verification of Fiscal Responsibility

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Chief Financial Officer transmit written verification to MDA of Lowndes County's ability to repay rail loan

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Resolution – DIP Grant

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution authorizing grant agreement with Mississippi Development Authority for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to complete

infrastructure-related improvements at site for proposed expansion of Steel Dynamics
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Resolution – DIP Grant Matching Funds

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution committing matching funds of ten percent from ARC and State of Mississippi grants to total cost of improvements associated with expansion of Steel Dynamics under the Developmental Infrastructure Program
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Project Engineer – Calvert Spradling Engineers

- Subsequent to advertisement and committee discussion, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to select Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc., as project engineer (sole applicant)
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**XIII
MARC MILEY
Chief Deputy Sheriff**

Reference: Adult Detention Facility Inmate Daily Meal Log – July, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board July, 2015, inmate daily meal log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk**

A. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – July, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon

Minutes of Board civil and criminal collections for Lowndes County Justice Court for month of July, 2015, to wit:

Civil - \$24,246.69

Criminal - \$83,101.85

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

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Sheriff's Report of Monies Received – July, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Report of Monies Received for July, 2015, in amount of \$10,526.01
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XV
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Family Medical Leave – Adult Detention Center

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve up to twelve weeks family medical leave for Katie Wilson, Adult Detention Center officer
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Labor Day Holiday

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe Monday, September 7, 2015, as County holiday
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

XVI
JEFF SMITH
Supervisor, District 4

A. Reference: Drainage Project – 410 Pickensville Road

- Upon subsequent approval of Road Manager and submission of Whole Harmless Agreement by affected property owner, Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize Road Department to

repair drainage problem at 410 Pickensville Road based upon finding that standing water is damaging integrity of County Road

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

**B. Reference: Resolution – Founders Day Celebration – New
Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution in honor of the late Overseer Glenn Jefferson, Sr., founder of New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church at a celebration on September 12, 2015, at Columbus Riverwalk.

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVII
CLOSED DETERMINATION**

Reference: Potential Legal Matter

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into closed determination, whereupon it was resolved that subject matter should be discussed in open session

**XVIII
BOARD MEETING (OPEN SESSION)**

Reference: Culvert/End-Wall Project – South Lehmberg

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to amend contract with Joe Ellis and authorize advancement of \$12,000 toward completion of project based upon the following findings and contingent upon no existing liens on the project:

- (1) Contractor has performed work in excess of \$12,000;
- (2) Concurrent state aid project is in jeopardy; and
- (3) Safety concerns for the traveling public

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVIX
RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until August 31, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:18 A.M.,
August 14, 2015)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk