

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

August 31, 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, Wednesday, the 31st day of August, 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
Billy Wood	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 Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
JOHN BRADY, Esquire
Attorney, Mitchell/McNutt/Sams**

Reference: Candidacy – Mississippi Supreme Court

Addressed Board re: his qualifications to serve on the Mississippi Supreme Court and asked for support of Board and their constituents

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III
BOARD MINUTES**

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

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

**IV
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending August 31, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending August 31, 2016

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

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1

Reference: Deed - Property Donation to EMCC

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to deed 25 acres of real estate to East Mississippi Community College for site of Communiversity
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
BERRY HINDS
County Citizen

Reference: Parks & Recreation

Discussion re: possible split of City and County recreational facilities

Encouraged Board consideration of City resident input

VII
BRENDA LATHAN
Senior VP, Golden Triangle Development Link
STANLEY SPRADLING
Calvert-Spradling Engineers

Reference: Budget Amendment – Two Lowndes County Industrial Development Authority Projects

- (1) TVA Grant Match of \$300,000 for extension of Charlie Ford Road to Mims Road
- (2) Langston Circle water line repair in amount of \$500,000

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize budget amendment for referenced Lowndes County Industrial Development projects
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

Reference: Utility Permits

(1) Caledonia Natural Gas District – Downs Rod

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify Caledonia Natural Gas permit application to construct 3/4" natural gas service line along or across Downs Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Telepak Networks d/b/a C-Spire –Bluecutt Road

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify C-Spire permit application to lay fiber optics along or across Bluecutt Road
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(3) Fountain Square 2015, LP – Yorkville Road East & William-Roberts Road

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify Fountain Square permit application to install sewer and water lines along or across Yorkville Road East and William-Roberts Road
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
SAMMY FONDREN
County Fire Coordinator

A. Reference: New Fire Rating – District 5

Advised Board of Class 8 fire rating in western Lowndes County

B. Reference: Fire Truck Purchase – District 1 VFD

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize purchase of new fire

truck from Deep South Fire Trucks and County loan of \$66,100
for same

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

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Assessor/Tax Collector

A. Reference: Public Hearing – 2016 Real & Personal Tax Rolls

No formal written protests

No public comments or appeals presented at hearing

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Contract – Personal Property Updates (2017-2020)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Appraisal Maintenance Contract for personal property with Statewide Appraisal
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Contract – Mapping Updates (2017-2020)

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Professional Services Agreement for mapping with Tri-State Consulting Services
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Auction Surplus Equipment – Tractor & Bush-hog

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to surplus and sell following equipment at Thomas Auction & Real Estate Company with reserve selling price of \$13,000:

2008 Massey Ferguson tractor – VIN S297046

2008 Chamber side mower – VIN - 082412

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

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

Reference: Sixteenth Section Land Leases (4)

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread upon Minutes of Board four Lowndes County School District 16th Section Land Leases, for the following:

Homer & Joanne Beaty, Lance Dawkins, Bird-Dog, Inc.,
and Sam B. & Erika Allison

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

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Board Openings – GT Development Link

Two openings on Golden Triangle Development Link Board of Directors

Applications received from Brant Galloway, Bain Nickles and Aaron Gregory

Agenda Item Tabled

B. Reference: Lease/Purchase Agreement – Teletec Communications, Inc.

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Lease/Purchase Agreement with Teletec Communications for replacement of Sheriff's Department radio equipment at monthly cost of \$3,719 (4-year pay-out)
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: AIP Airport Grant

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Airport Improvement Program grant to rehabilitate terminal apron at Columbus/Lowndes County Airport (\$7,182.10 County match)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: EMA Storm Siren

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept federal funding for acquisition of siren for Lowndes County Emergency Management (match, \$10,935)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV
LEROY BROOKS
Supervisor, District 5**

Reference: National Association of Counties – Appointment/Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve out-of-state travel expenses to NACO conferences in Washington, D.C. and Franklin County, Ohio, February 25-March 1, 2017, and July 21-24, 2017, respectively
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XV
ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn Board of Supervisors' meeting until September 6, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:48 A.M., August 31, 2016)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk