

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

December 15, 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, Thursday, the 15th day of December, 2016, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1, Board President
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	Deputy Sheriff
Ralph Billingsley	County Administrator

County Staff Members
Members of News Media
County Citizens

ABSENT:

Bill Brigham Supervisor, District 2

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- Call to Order, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President

- Invocation, Jeff Smith, Supervisor, District 4
- 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 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1**

Reference: Introduction / New Chief Financial Officer +
Certificate of Achievement in Financial Management

Lloyd Price introduced as County's new Chief Financial Officer

Presentation of State Auditor's Letter and Certificate of Achievement
in Financial Management to Lowndes County

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for December 5, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for
Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve December 5, 2016,
Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

IV
JOEY DEASON
Chief Operations Officer
The LINK

Reference: Resolution – Southern Cross Transmission Line Project

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution declaring intent to enter into Fee-in-Lieu Agreement with Southern Cross Transmission, LLC, contingent upon conditions set forth in Section 3 of Resolution
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
GEORGE CRAWFORD
Project Analyst
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Reference: Authorized Signatories – MDA Grant/Loan Programs
Re: Steel Dynamics Infrastructure Improvements

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the following signatories for MDA grant/loan programs promoting infrastructure improvements at Steel Dynamics site:

Lloyd Price, Chief Financial Officer

Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Cal-Star Project Local Match Verification - Capital
Improvements Revolving Loan Fund #13-044-CP-01

- Pursuant to Mississippi Development Authority request, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize Board certification of Cal-Star project local match in amount of \$16,144.22
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Recreational Trails Program Grant – Moore’s Creek Extension / Soccer Complex

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to reapply for Recreational Trails Program Grant to extend Moore’s Creek at soccer complex
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

D. Reference: Change Order – Project / Rail Access to SDI Paint Shop

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Summary Change Order to adjust original contract price to final contract price (decrease of \$341.06)
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Invoices – Steel Dynamics Paint Shop

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify payment of the following invoices:

Calvert-Spradling Engineers - \$12,084.78 – Engineering Services

Malouf Construction – \$172,325.19 - Rail Construction

Phillips Contracting - \$643,147.25 – Access Road Construction

- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

A. Reference: Utility Permit – Caledonia Natural Gas / Wood Road

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify Caledonia Natural Gas District permit application to construct ¾” natural gas service line along or across Wood Road
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Change Order – Horse Park Office Building

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve change order for transformer pad in amount of \$10,760 (\$760 contract increase)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk**

A. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – November, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board civil and criminal collections for Lowndes County Justice Court for month of November, 2016, to wit:

Civil - \$21,273.30 Criminal - \$77,055.35

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Sheriff's Report of Monies Received – November, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Report of Monies Received for November, 2016, in amount of \$8,433.12
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Sixteenth Section School Trust Land - Release of Lease Agreements (2)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify and spread upon Minutes of Board Release of 16th Section Lease Agreements, to wit:

Randy Haynes Ronald & Sherri Musgrove

- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
MIKE ARLEDGE
Sheriff

Reference: Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility - Inmate Daily
Meal Log - November, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon
Minutes of Board November, 2016, inmate daily meal log for
Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Road Department Monthly Reports – November, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes
of Board culvert report and work orders for November, 2016, together
with work schedule for December, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending December 15, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon
Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending December
15, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – November, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon
Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending
November, 2016

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Award Bid / Auditor – FY 2016/17 Audits

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to award contract to T.E. Lott & Company (sole bidder) to perform FY 2016/17 audits
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: County Vehicle Usage / Road Department Employees –
IRS Tax

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve \$225 raise to nine Road Department employees
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

E. Reference: Family Medical Leave Request – Juvenile Detention Center

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize family medical leave for Jason Pruitt, Juvenile Detention Center officer, commencing December 30, 2016, for period of twelve weeks
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Reference: Christmas/New Year Holiday Schedule - Update

- Pursuant to revised Gubernatorial Proclamation, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe December 23 and December 26, 2016, and January 2, 2017, as County holidays
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Reference: International Paper / Fee-in-Lieu Agreement

- Upon International Paper's acquisition of Weyerhaeuser's pulp business December 1, 2016, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to honor all ad valorem property tax incentives and exemptions in place with Weyerhaeuser
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

H. Reference: Surplus Asset – Sheriff's Department

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to declare surplus and remove from inventory Sheriff's Department 2009 Ford F-150, VIN 1FTRX12V39FA88442
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI
JEFF SMITH
Supervisor, District 4**

Reference: Update - East Lowndes County Drainage Projects

Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District work complete on Friendship Drive, Granderson Drive and Wren Drive

**XII
CLOSED DETERMINATION**

Request by Supervisor Sanders to go into closed determination regarding legal issue

**XIII
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into executive session regarding potential litigation
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

**XIV
BOARD MEETING
(Continuation)**

- Upon determination no action was warranted at this time, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn executive session and resume regular Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

XV
RECESS

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until December 29, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brigham Absent)

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 9:54 A.M.,
December 15, 2016)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk