

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

February 29, 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 29th day of February, 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, 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 Holliman to adopt agenda as amended
 - - Second by Supervisor Brigham
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for February 16, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve February 16, 2016, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

**III
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending February 29, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending February 29, 2016
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Surplus Assets (110 Items)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare attached fixed asset listing surplus and remove from inventory

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

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
REID NEVINS
County Extension Director
SUMNER DAVIS
Extension Center Services/Government & Development

Reference: Interlocal Agreement – MSU / Lowndes County

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to enter into Interlocal Agreement with Mississippi State University to document relationship between MSU and Lowndes County regarding management of County Extension agents and staff
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Assessor/Collector

Reference: 2015 Property Values - Franklin Telephone Company

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread upon Minutes of Board Franklin Telephone Company 2015 property values as reported by Department of Revenue February 22, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Personnel

- (1) Lucas Smith - Transfer

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to transfer Lucas Smith to Class II Truck Driver at \$14.94 per hour (to include 6-month probationary period) effective March 1, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Shane Pruitt – New Hire – District 2

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to hire Shane Pruitt as Class II Operator at \$14.94 per hour (to include 6-month probationary period) effective March 8, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

Reference: Steel Dynamics Infrastructure Project (Paint Shop)

(1) Bid Awards

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to award bid for water and sewer to Perma-Corporation
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to award bid for rail spur to Malouf Construction
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award alternate bid for access road to Phillips Contracting based on recommendation of County Engineer and a finding of superior durability of product contingent upon receipt of Phillips Contracting certification from Mississippi Development Authority
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(2) Contractor Eligibility

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread upon Minutes of Board MDA confirmation of contractor eligibility

for Perma-Corporation and Malouf Construction;
(Phillips Contracting eligibility confirmation to be attached
hereto upon receipt)

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

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Donation – Sheriff’s Department

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept donation of \$19,000 from anonymous donor to purchase auxiliary deputy vehicle for Sheriff’s Department
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Resolution – Payment/Storm Debris Removal

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution requesting local and private legislation to authorize payment in amount of \$3,099.69 to Looks Great Services for removal of storm debris on Susan and Bolton Drives directed by and for benefit of Lowndes County
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Waiver/Conflict of Interest – Baker Donelson

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to waive any potential and actual conflict of interest arising from Baker Donelson representation of Weyerhaeuser in reviewing two series industrial development revenue bonds issued by County
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Reschedule Board of Supervisors Meeting

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to reschedule June 15, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting to June 17, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

E. Reference: Revision/County Personnel Handbook

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to employ personnel consultant, Joe Beall, to revise County Personnel Handbook
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 3-2 (Supervisors Smith & Brooks nay)

F. Reference: Worksheet - 2016 Lowndes County Projects

Discussion re: revisions/additions to worksheet for 2016 County projects

No Board Action

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Reference: County Information Technology Position

Board discussion re: creation of County IT position

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to postpone further deliberation/action until March 7, 2016, Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

H. Reference: Section 42 Housing

Board discussion re: Section 42 housing projects and establishment of County policy related thereto

No Board Action

I. Reference: Announcement – Board Vacancy

Accepting applications for up-coming District 3 vacancy on Lowndes County Port Authority Board (four-year term)

No Board Action

J. Reference: Family Medical Leave Request – Sheriff's Department

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve twelve weeks of family medical leave for Detention Officer James Knight
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

K. Reference: County Holiday – Good Friday, March 25, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe March 25, 2016, as County holiday in celebration of Good Friday

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

IX
JACK JACKSON
State-Aid Engineer

Reference: Bid Opening – Nashville Ferry Road – CSE#212009
Bridges & Approaches

Bidders: Tanner Construction, Ellisville - \$1,320,346.25
Phillips Contracting, Columbus - \$1,720,197.40
Prairie Construction – Tupelo, \$1,435,502.42
Joe McGee Construction – Lake, \$1,456,271.10
Century Construction – Tupelo, \$1,590,799.288

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to take bids under advisement pending tabulation
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
JEFF SMITH
Supervisor, District 4

Reference: Resolution – Tombigbee River Valley Water Management
District – Wren Drive

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution requesting Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District assist County in correction of drainage problems in and around Wren Drive
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
JOHN HOLLIMAN
Supervisor, District 3

Reference: Notice of Intent to Abandon Portion of True Grit Road

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to consider abandonment of the South 130 feet of True Grit Road and to conduct hearing April 4, 2016, 9:15 A.M., to receive public input regarding same
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII LEROY BROOKS

Reference: Personnel - Emergency Management Agency

Board discussion regarding establishment of assistant director position at County EMA Office

No Board Action

XIII ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Board of Supervisors' meeting until March 7, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:37 A.M.,
February 29, 2016)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk