

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
January 16th, 2018

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, Tuesday, the 16th of January, 2018, 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
Lloyd Price	Chief Financial Officer

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, Bill Brigham, Supervisor, District 2
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

I.
AGENDA

Reference: Adopt Agenda

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

(Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II.
BOARD MINUTES

Reference: Board Minutes for December 28th, 2017 and January 2nd, 2018

- Motion to approve the Board of Supervisor’s board minutes for December 28th, 2017 and January 2nd, 2018 by Supervisor Brigham.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “B” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

III.
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

A. Reference: Personnel

- Motion to approve the hire of Jonathan Phinizee at \$14.10 per hour with a 6 month probationary period by Supervisor Brooks.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “C” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

B. Reference: Monthly Reports

-Motion to spread the monthly reports on the board minutes for December of 2017 and the work schedule for January 2018 by Supervisor Brooks.

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “D” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

IV.
ROBERT CALVERT
Engineer

Reference: Utility Permit

-Motion to approve a utility permit by Jeremy Phillips MGR OSP Planning & Engineering Design for AT&T by Supervisor Brooks.

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “E” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

V.
LLOYD PRICE
Chief Financial Officer

A. Reference: County Claims Docket

-Motion to approve and spread on minutes the county claims docket for the period ending January 15, 2018 by Supervisor Brooks.

- -Second by Supervisor Holliman.

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “F” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

B. Reference: Financial Statements

-Motion to approve and spread on minutes the December 2017 financial statements by Supervisor Holliman.

- - Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “G” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

C. Reference: Surplus Property

- Motion to approve items as surplus property and spread on minutes by Supervisor Smith.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “H” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

VI.
ROGER SHORT
Recreation

A. Reference: Accept Donation

- Motion to accept donation made by the Junior Auxiliary by Supervisor Brooks.
- -Second by Supervisor Holliman.
- - -Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Riverwalk Extension

- Motion by President Sanders to approve the application for the Riverwalk extension grant.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “I” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

VII.
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
Administrator

Reference: New Process Steel Invoices

- Motion to approve the new process steel invoices for Phillips Contracting, Malouf Construction, and Calvert-Spradling Engineers by Supervisor Brooks.
- -Second by Supervisor Holliman.

- - -Vote 5-0

VIII.
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

A. Reference: Justice Court Report

-Motion to approve and spread on minutes the Justice Court Report with the amount for Civil being \$23,285.23 and Criminal \$56,684.02 by Supervisor Brooks.

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "J" attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

B. Reference: Sheriff Report

-Motion to approve and spread on minutes the Sheriff Department report with the total amount being \$7,274.26 by Supervisor Holliman.

- - Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "K" attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

IX.
MIKE ARLEDGE
Sheriff

Reference: Meal Log

-Motion to approve and spread on minutes the December 2017 meal log for the adult detention facility by Supervisor Smith.

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "L" attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

X.
RALPH BILLINGSLEY

Administrator

A. Reference: CVB Board Appointment

- Motion to reappoint Steve Wallace to the CVB Board by Supervisor Smith.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.
- - -Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Permission to Advertise

- Motion for approval to advertise in Progress Magazine the county resources by Supervisor Brooks.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “M” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

C. Reference: Mileage Reimbursement Rate Change

- Motion to spread on minutes the reimbursement rate per mile by Supervisor Brooks.
- - Second by Supervisor Smith.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “N” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

D. Reference: Gas purchase reimbursement

- Motion to approve the reimbursement of \$25.00 for the purchase of gas by Supervisor Holliman.
- - Second by Supervisor Smith.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “O” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

E. Reference: Excess County Funds

- Motion to authorize Ralph Billingsley and Lloyd Price to look into a CD for the excess county funds by Supervisor Holliman.
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders.
- - -Vote 5-0

F. Reference: President's Day

-Motion to accept President's Day as a county holiday by Supervisor Brooks.

- - Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

XI.

HARRY SANDERS

President, Supervisor, District 1

A. Reference: Rescind all 2017 CVB resolutions

-Motion by Supervisor Sanders to rescind all CVB Resolutions and amendments adopted in the year 2017.

- -Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

B. Reference: CVB Resolution

-Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve a Resolution requesting local and private legislation authorizing the extension of legislation which created the Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau with the following changes: 1. removing the 15% disbursement to the LINK and replacing same with an annual payment of \$250,000. 2. That there be no restrictions on all board members. 3. That the floor exempting certain businesses be removed.

- -Second by Supervisor Brigham.

- - -Vote 3-2

(Supervisor Sanders, Supervisor Brigham and Supervisor Holliman voted yea)

(Supervisor Brooks and Supervisor Smith voted nay)

(Exhibit "P" attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

XII.

CLOSED DETERMINATION

-Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into closed determination to determine if executive session is needed.

**XIII.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

-Motion by Supervisor Brooks to enter in executive session to discuss pending lawsuits.

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

**XIV.
ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO
PERSONNEL GRIEVANCE HEARING**

-Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn executive session and continue into a personnel grievance hearing.

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

**XV.
TIM HUDSON
Attorney**

Reference: Easement

-Motion to accept easement between Pinetops, LLC and Lowndes County in Section 13 and Section 24 Township 19 South, Range 18 West by Supervisor Smith.

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

(Exhibit “Q” attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**XVI.
ADJOURNMENT**

-Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Board of Supervisor's meeting until Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

- -Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

HARRY SANDERS, President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk