

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

January 4, 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 4th day of January, 2016, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Bill Brigham	Supervisor, District 2
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3
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	Administrator, Lowndes County

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, Lisa Younger Neese, Chairperson
- Invocation, Ralph Billingsley, County Administrator
- Pledge, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

**I  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Reference: Roberts Rules of Order**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as parliamentary authority governing Board of Supervisors' meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**II  
ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**A. Reference: Board President**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to appoint Harry Sanders as Board President
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brooks abstains)

**SUPERVISOR SANDERS PRESIDING**

**B. Reference: Board Vice-President**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to appoint John Holliman as Board Vice-President
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - 4-0 (Supervisor Brooks abstains)

**III  
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)**

**IV  
BOARD MINUTES**

Reference: Proffer of December 30, 2015, Board Minutes by  
Chancery Clerk

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve December 30, 2015,  
Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

**V  
PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

A. Reference: Board Attorney

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to re-appoint the law firm of Sims  
& Sims as Board Attorney
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: County Administrator

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to re-appoint Ralph Billingsley as  
Lowndes County Administrator at present salary
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Road Manager

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to re-appoint Ronnie Burns as  
Road Manager at present salary
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - No Vote
  
- Substitute motion by Supervisor Sanders to re-appoint Ronnie  
Burns as Road Manager at annual salary of \$80,000
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - No Vote
  
- Substitute motion withdraw
  
- Motion by Supervisor Smith to re-appoint Ronnie Burns as  
Road Manager
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to increase annual salary of Road Manager to \$80,000
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 3-2 (Supervisors Smith & Brooks, nay)

**D. Reference: County Engineer & County State-Aid Road Engineer**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to re-appoint Calvert/Spradling Engineers as County Engineer and County State-Aid Road Engineer
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**VI  
SURETY BONDS**

**Reference: County Surety Bonds**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread upon Board Minutes approval of County employee surety bonds
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**VII  
GREG MERCHANT  
County Coroner**

**Reference: Deputy Coroner Appointments**

- Upon recommendation of County Coroner, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to appoint Deputy Coroners, to wit:

**Tim Hamilton, Tenesha Rambus and Carroll Culpepper**

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

**VIII  
LEROY BROOKS  
Supervisor, District 5**

**Reference: Resolution - NACO**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution calling for plan of action, 'Stepping Up,' to reduce number of people in our County jail with mental illnesses

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

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX  
JEFF SMITH  
Supervisor, District 4

Reference: Projected Four-Year Plan

Request Board review of four-year plan for project commitments/  
obligations and funding therefor

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RECESS

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess Board of Supervisors'  
meeting until January 15, 2016, 9:00 A.M.  
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders  
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:25 A.M.,  
January 4, 2016)

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk