

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

March 6, 2017

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, 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, Mike Arledge, Sheriff
- 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 Smith
  - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II  
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for February 28, 2017, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve February 28, 2017, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
  - - Second by Supervisor Smith
  - - - Vote 5-0

**III  
JOE MAX HIGGINS  
CEO  
Golden Triangle Development Link**

Reference: Discussion - Project Garage

\$7.5 investment, 50 new jobs, in Project Garage located on Steel Dynamics campus/Golden Triangle Industrial Park

Construction of new road plus rail improvements funded by DIP Grant and rail loan

(No Board Action)

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV**  
**GEORGE CRAWFORD**  
**Project Analyst**  
**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District**

A. Reference: Public Notice / Resolution      Rail Loan – Project Garage

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution declaring intent to enter into loan agreement with Mississippi Development Authority in amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to complete capital improvements (rail spur) on campus of Steel Dynamics in Golden Triangle Industrial Park
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: 2017 Mississippi Trails Program / Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks - Resolution

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt Resolution authorizing submittal of application to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for funding of non-motorized recreational trail and approving 20% match
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V**  
**RALPH BILLINGSLEY**  
**County Administrator**

A. Reference: Holiday – Good Friday /April 14, 2017

- Pursuant to prior Board approval, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to substitute Good Friday for Confederate Memorial Day as County holiday
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Personnel – Employee Compensation

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve pay raise of County employee, Oliver Ussery, to \$16.90 per hour effective March 6, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

**VI**  
**LEROY BROOKS**  
Supervisor, District 5

Reference: National Association of Counties (NACO) Conference

Serves on Justice and Public Safety Committees

Major Policy Briefs:

- (1) Reduce number of inmates with mental illness
- (2) Increase funding for Second Chance Act to reduce recidivism
- (3) Support vulnerable youth through reauthorization of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act

(No Board Action)

**VII**  
**RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 9:17 A.M., March 6, 2017)

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk