

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

May 13, 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, Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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, Bill Brigham, Supervisor, District 2
- 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 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II  
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for May 2, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 2, 2016, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
  - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
  - - - Vote 5-0

**III  
DAVIS BASINGER  
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending May 13, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending May 13, 2016
  - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
  - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – April, 2016

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

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

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV  
JOE HIGGINS, CEO  
Golden Triangle Development Link

Reference: Resolution: Lease Agreement – Old CalStar Building

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution approving execution of lease documents with Agracel, Inc. and Comprehensive Logistics Company for use of old CalStar building as distribution warehouse for PACCAR
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V  
MAJOR ALAN PHILLIPS  
Salvation Army

Reference: Presentation of Award

Expressed appreciation for Board support in holiday fund-raiser at Wal-Mart

Presented first-place award to Board for collection of funds in bell-ringing challenge with City of Columbus

No Board Action

VI  
GREG ANDREWS  
Tax Assessor/Tax Collector  
DAVID PHILLIPS  
Weyerhaeuser VP & Mill Manager  
BRENDA LANGFORD  
Finance & Planning Manager

A. Reference: Weyerhaeuser Ten-Year Tax Exemption

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve ten-year ad valorem tax exemption for Weyerhaeuser on 2015 acquisitions with a

total value of \$22,654,984.71 (1-1-16 to 12-31-25)  
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Tax Refund – Barrco Properties**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve tax refund in amount of \$456.30 to Barrco Properties due to incorrect assessment of 239 Byrnes Circle property  
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII  
KEVIN FORRESTER  
ITS Computer Consultant**

**Reference: Purchase - Finger-Printing Equipment / Sheriff's Department**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve purchase of finger-printing equipment in amount of \$17,508.94 from AD&S, Inc. based upon finding that maintenance is less expensive than lower quote and system is compatible with existing network  
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII  
LINA BEALL  
Administrator, Community Counseling Services  
KEENYN WALD  
Director, The Pines & Cady Hills**

**Reference: Annual Report**

Review of programs provided, manpower, clientele, and budget (revenue and expenses)

No Board Action

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**SPENCER BROOCKS**  
**Home Specialist**  
**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District**

**A. Reference: 2012 HOME Program Grant – Augusta Ferguson Home Project #1220-MO8-SG-280-954**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to request reopening 2012 HOME Grant in order to correct drainage issue with Augusta Ferguson's home
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Signatories – Grant & Loan Programs for SDI Infrastructure Project (ON BEHALF OF G. CRAWFORD)**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to notify Mississippi Development Authority of signatories for DIP-361, ARC #MS18252 and Rail Loan #15-244-RR-01 re: infrastructure improvements at Steel Dynamics site, to wit: Davis W. Basinger and Lisa Younger Neese
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**  
**BOB CALVERT**  
**County Engineer**

**A. Reference: Utility Permit – LSBP Project – Ranson Road**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to use LSBP funds for relocation of 4" force main at West Lowndes Middle School
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Modification – Project #STPD-1706(8)B – Artesia Road**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to request program for Project #STPD-1706(8)B, Artesia Road, be modified to increase project limits from 3.7 miles to 5.6 miles

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

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI**  
**LISA YOUNGER NEESE**  
Chancery Clerk

**A. Reference: Sheriff's Report of Monies Received – April, 2016**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Report of Monies Received for April, 2016, in amount of \$10,310.75
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – April, 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 April, 2016, to wit:

Civil - \$19,588.26          Criminal - \$101,367.63

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

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XII**  
**RALPH BILLINGSLEY**  
County Administrator

**A. Reference: MASIT – Board of Trustees Election**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to vote by proxy for Bruce Brooks of Noxubee County as Board Trustee for Mississippi Association of Supervisors Insurance Trust
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 2-3 (Supervisors Sanders, Brigham and Holliman nay)

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to vote by proxy for incumbents: Chad Bridges, Paul Griffin and Darrell McQuarter as Board Trustees for Mississippi Association of Supervisors Insurance Trust
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: Family Medical Leave Requests – Sheriff’s Department**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize twelve weeks of family medical leave for Adult Detention Center Officers James Arthur Reyes and David Edwards, Jr.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**C. Reference: Employee Reimbursement – Gasoline Purchase**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize \$23.33 reimbursement to Don Burns for gasoline purchase
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIII  
MIKE ARLEDGE  
Sheriff**

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

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board April, 2016, inmate daily meal log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV**  
**TIM HUDSON**  
**Board Attorney**

**Reference: Mining Operation Permit – Anderson Grove Road,  
Aldridge Road and R.J. Jacobs Road**

- **Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize Board letter to Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality citing no objection to mining within 100 feet of County right-of-way**
- - **Second by Supervisor Brooks**
- - - **Vote 5-0**

**(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**XV**  
**JEFF SMITH**  
**Supervisor, District 4**

**A. Reference: Resolution – Willie Louis Hairston**

- **Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution expressing condolences and sympathy to family of Willie Louis Hairston and acknowledging the tremendous impact his life and work had on citizens of Lowndes County**
- - **Second by Supervisor Brooks**
- - - **Vote 5-0**

**(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**B. Reference: Name – District 4 Volunteer Fire Station**

- **In recognition of his dedication and service to District 4 Volunteer Fire Department, Motion by Supervisor Smith to name Crawford's new District 4 Volunteer Fire Station The Willie Louis Hairston Fire Station**
- - **Second by Supervisor Brooks**
- - - **Vote 5-0**

**XVI**  
**CLOSED DETERMINATION**

**Reference: Personnel Matter**

- **Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into closed determination**

**Upon Board Attorney advice that executive session was not warranted, Board resumed open session**



**XVII  
BOARD MEETING  
(Continuation)**

**RALPH BILLINGSLEY  
County Administrator**

**Reference: Information Technology Position**

- Upon recommendation of County Administrator, Motion by Supervisor Sanders to hire Lance J. Bishop as County IT Director at starting salary of \$62,500 effective July 1, 2016 (to include 6-month probationary period)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 3-1-0 (Supervisor Brooks, nay; Supervisor Smith, abstain)

**(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)**

**XVIII  
RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until May 31, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

**(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:15 A.M., May 13, 2016)**

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**HARRY SANDERS, Board President**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk**