

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 15th day of May, 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, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Invocation, Ralph Billingsley, County Administrator
- 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 Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for May 1, 2017, presented by Chancery Clerk for Supervisors' consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 1, 2017, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**III
SAMMY FONDREN
County Fire Coordinator**

Reference: Artesia Fire Rating

Advised Supervisors Town of Artesia fire rating dropped from Class 9 to Class 8, resulting in 8% reduction in homeowners' premiums inside town limits of Artesia

No Board Action

**IV
GLORIA BLUNT
Purchasing Clerk**

A. Reference: Asphalt Overlay Bid Award

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award bid to APAC (best and lowest) in amount of \$87 ton
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Double Bituminous Surface Treatment Award

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to award bid to Kimes & Stone (sole bid) in amount of \$369,044.52
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Reseal Road Surfacing Treatment

- Inasmuch as Road Manager advised bids did not meet specifications, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to reject all bids and request permission to readvertise
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - No Vote

- Upon further discussion and Board Attorney advice, Motion by Supervisor Smith, based upon finding specifications are inaccurate and require identification of areas needing double coating, to reject all bids and readvertise
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
STEPHANIE TAYLOR
Community Counseling Administrator
KEENYN WEST
Pines & Cady Hills Recovery Center

Reference: Annual Report

Presented year-in-review to include programs offered, emphasizing system of care services provided through 4 million dollar grant, and mobile crisis team operating full time 365 days a year

Discussed residential alcohol and drug treatment centers for adults and their cost, occupancy, masters level clinicians and goals

No Board Action

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
GEORGE CRAWFORD
Project Analyst
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

Reference: Engineering Contract – Project GARAGE

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to enter into agreement with Calvert-Spradling Engineers effective May 15, 2017, for professional services (North Access Road & Rail Access at New Process Steel)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

A. Reference: Personnel – Temporary Summer Help

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire twelve temporary summer workers at \$10.00 hour with start date of May 22, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Road Department Monthly Reports – April, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for April, 2017, together with work schedule for May, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Advertisement – Brush Truck

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve request for advertisement for debris brush truck and box
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

A. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – April, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board civil and criminal Justice Court collections for April, 2017, to wit:

Civil - \$23,939.60 Criminal - \$75,893.81

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

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Sheriff's Department Report of Monies Received – April, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Department Report of Monies Received for April, 2017, in amount of \$8,858.40
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Resolution - International Paper Ad-Valorem Tax Exemption

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution granting ad-valorem tax exemption for 10 years (1-1-17 thru 12-31-26) to International Paper Company on property described in the Application with total true value of \$11,139,682.84.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
MIKE ARLEDGE
Sheriff

A. Reference: Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility Inmate Daily Meal Log – April, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board April, 2017, Inmate Daily Meal Log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility

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

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Donations Through Lowndes County Sheriff's Department

- (1) - Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept \$13,000 anonymous equipment donation for Sheriff's Department Reserve Unit
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

- (2) - Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept \$2,083.38 equipment donation to U.S. Marshal's Service
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: County Claims Docket - Period Ending May 15, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board County Claims Docket for period ending May 15, 2017,
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Asbestos Removal – Annex Building

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept low bid for asbestos removal from Courthouse Annex Building, to wit: AIR Environmental, \$21,500; and to proceed with removal as expeditiously as possible
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney

Reference: Pending Lawsuit re: Justice Court Judge Ron Cooke

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to retain Attorney Ray Hill to represent Judge Cooke at fee of \$1,500 and authorize filing Motion to Dismiss Claim against Judge Cooke and seek reimbursement for expenses incurred
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

XII
JEFF SMITH
Supervisor, District 4

A. Reference: Town of Crawford Park – Safety Hazard

- Upon receiving Hold Harmless Agreement, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to remove portion of tree creating safety hazard to Town of Crawford park
 - - Second by Supervisor Brigham
 - - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Concord Community Building

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize soil sampling at proposed site of Community Building in Concord
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - 5-0

C. Reference: Concourse Subdivision – Drainage Issue

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to evaluate drainage issue from prior project at Concourse Subdivision
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - 5-0

XIII
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney

CLOSED DETERMINATION

Reference: EEOC Complaint + Ethics Complaint

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Closed Determination
- The Board having been advised of the basis of the EEOC and Ethics Complaints, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to go into Executive Session
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

**XIV
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Reference: Pending Ethics Complaint – Parks & Recreation**
Request by Commission for Supervisors' affidavits

- B. Reference: New EEOC Complaint – E911**
Operator complaint of intimidation and discrimination

**XV
OPEN BOARD MEETING**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Executive Session and resume regular Board of Supervisors meeting**
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders**
- - - Vote 5-0**

Reference: EEOC Complaint – E911

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize response by Board Attorney to EEOC Complaint on behalf of County**
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham**
- - - Vote 5-0**

**XVI
RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman**
- - - Vote 5-0**

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:02 A.M., May 15, 2017)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk