

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

May 1, 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 1st 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, Mike Arledge, Sheriff
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President

- Invocation, Bob Wilbur, Retired Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese

**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 April 17, 2017, and April 21, 2017, presented by
Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve April 17, 2017, and
April 21, 2017, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

**III
BOB WILBUR
Retired Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church
DANNIE HUGHES
Active Layman, First Baptist Church**

Re: National Day of Prayer

Observance of National Day of Prayer May 4, 2017, noon, Lowndes
County Courthouse, sponsored by Christian Community in Prayer

No Board Action

IV
LLOYD PRICE
Chief Financial Officer

Reference: County Claims Docket - Period Ending April 28, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board of Supervisors County Claims Docket for period ending April 28, 2017,
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

Reference: Prairie Land Water Association Utility Permits (3)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify Prairie Land Water Association utility permits as follows:
 - (1) Construct water service along or across Plymouth Bluff Access Road
 - (2) Construct sewer service along or across Lot 20, Prairie Waters Subdivision
 - (3) Construct water and sewer service along or across Lot 57, Prairie Waters Subdivision
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Assessor/Collector

Reference: One Mill Certification

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Application Certification of Lowndes County, fiscal year 2017-2018, for authority to expend one mill (\$508,000)

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

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

Reference: Homestead Exemption Rejects

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify Mississippi State Tax Commission homestead exemption rejects
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
BILL BRIGHAM
Supervisor, District 2

Reference: Board Order - E Board of Commissioners

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to dissolve E911 Board effective this date
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Smith nay)

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
CLOSED DETERMINATION

Reference: Emergency Response Services / Personnel

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Closed Determination
- Whereas County employees will be included in Board discussions of emergency services, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into Executive Session
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

X
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reference: Emergency Services Reorganization

Board discussion re: restructure of emergency services

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene open Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

XI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
(Continuation)

RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Emergency Services

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to merge E911 and Emergency Management Agency under Lowndes County Emergency Services and designate Cindy Lawrence as Director at annual salary of \$65,000
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Smith nay)

B. Reference: Information Technology Manager

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to hire Taylor Armstrong as County IT manager at annual salary of \$65,000
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Smith abstains)

C. Reference: County Holiday - Memorial Day

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe Monday, May 29, 2017, as County holiday
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

D. Reference: Local Emergency Proclamation

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency for Lowndes County due to severe storms of April 30, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII
RECESS

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

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 9:38 A.M.,
May 1, 2017)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk