

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

May 31, 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, Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</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, Leroy Brooks, Supervisor, District 4
- 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 13, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 13, 2016, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

**III  
HARRY SANDERS  
Supervisor, District 1 - Board President**

Reference: Presentation of MAS Scholarships

Mississippi Association of Supervisors \$500 college scholarships presented to Faith Miley and Thomas Cooper by Supervisor Sanders

**IV  
DAVIS BASINGER  
Chief Financial Officer**

Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending May 31, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending May 31,

2016

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

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V  
SCOTT COLOM, Esquire  
District Attorney

Reference: Victims Assistance Grant – Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to ratify Victims Assistance Grant application to Mississippi Department of Public Safety and agree to 25% match (\$9,255)
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI  
JASON SHARP, Esquire  
The Brunini Firm

Reference: Resolution - Ten-Year Tax Exemption  
Akzo Nobel Pulp and Performance Chemicals, Inc.

- Upon approval of Akzo Nobel's application for tax exemption, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution granting exemption from ad valorem taxes to Akzo Nobel Pulp and Performance Chemicals for a period of ten years commencing January 1, 2016 (Total value, \$11,162,700)
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII  
GREG ANDREWS  
Tax Assessor/Collector

Reference: Employee Leave of Absence – Family Medical Leave Act

- Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to grant Troy Bruce Sansing leave of absence for the

period June 1 to August 16, 2016.  
- - Second by Supervisor Smith  
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII  
RONNIE BURNS  
Road Manager

A. Reference: Personnel – Road Department

(1) New Hires

(a) Mark Thrash

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire Mark Thrash as class I crew member effective June 1, 2016, at salary of \$13.50, to include six-month probationary period
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(b) Greg Ferguson

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to hire Greg Ferguson as class I crew member effective June 6, 2016, at salary of \$13.50, to include six-month probationary period
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Temporary Summer Hires

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to hire ten temporary workers this summer at \$10.00 per hour for eight-week period
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Road Department Monthly Board Reports – May, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for May, 2016, together with work schedule for June, 2016

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

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX**  
**BOB CALVERT**  
County Engineer

**A. Reference: Contractor Pay Request #1 – Lowndes County Horse Park Office Building**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve JEM Contracting pay request #1 in amount of \$73,972.70 for construction work at site of future Lowndes County Horse Park on Tom Rose Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**B. Reference: AT&T Utility Permit / Bluecutt Road – State Aid Project**

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve AT&T permit application to construct buried communication utility facility along or across right of way of Bluecutt Road
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X**  
**LISA YOUNGER NEESE**

**Reference: Sixteenth Section Land Lease Cancellations (2)**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify the following school trust land cancellation of lease agreements, to wit:

**Michael L. McGill – in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 17 East**

**Corey Flye – in Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 17 West**

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

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI  
RALPH BILLINGSLEY  
County Administrator

A. Reference: American National Red Cross – Space License Agreement for Temporary Use of Facilities

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Licensor/Licensee Agreement for use of County facilities by American National Red Cross at no cost for period of one year commencing June 1, 2016, and authorize Board execution thereof
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Receiving Clerk – Road Department

- Upon recommendation of Road Manager, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to appoint Mike Aldridge as receiving clerk for Road Department
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Waters Building – Asbestos Removal / Demolition Quotes

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to accept low quotes of EAC Environmental and Burns Dirt Construction for removal of asbestos (\$19,875) and demolition (\$41,050) respectively
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 3-1-0 (Supervisor Brooks, nay; Supervisor Smith abstain)

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Advertisement for Professional Services – Lowndes County Wastewater Study & Preliminary Engineering Project

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to advertise for professional engineering services to provide study, mapping, preliminary engineering design and report services for Western Lowndes County Wastewater Study and Preliminary Engineering Project as per MDEQ and EPA requirements
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: MDEQ Solid Waste Assistance Grant

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Mississippi Department Of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Grant Agreement with County in amount of \$19,524

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

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**F. Reference: Date Change - Board of Supervisors Meeting**

The Board of Supervisors' meeting originally scheduled for June 15, 2016, has been changed to Friday, June 17, 2016, due to Mississippi Association of Supervisors' summer convention

No Board Action – Priorly Approved

**G. Reference: Homeland Security Grant / Hand–held radios**

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept \$50,000 award from Department of Public Safety under the State Homeland Security Grant Program to update equipment for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII  
TIM HUDSON  
Board Attorney

**Reference: AG Letter – County Firearm Signage**

- As per May 16, 2016, Attorney General Letter to Board Attorney, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to remove firearms signage from Lowndes County Courthouse and other County buildings
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII  
JEFF SMITH  
Supervisor, District 4

**A. Reference: Resolution – Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District – Greene Creek**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution requesting Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District assist

County in correction of drainage problems in and around  
Greene Creek in District 4

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Wren Drive – Engineering Services

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize County engineering  
services at site of Wren Drive drainage project in District 4

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Signage – Districts 4 & 5 Volunteer Fire Stations

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize purchase of signage  
from Mid-South Signs for Districts 4 & 5 Volunteer Fire Stations,  
to wit:

Willie Louis Hairston Volunteer Fire Station - \$880.24

West Lowndes Volunteer Fire Station - \$275

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV

JOHN HOLLIMAN  
Supervisor, District 3

Reference: Storm Debris – New Hope Area

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve clean-up of  
remainder of storm debris in New Hope area by County  
employees

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

XV

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adjourn Board of Supervisors'  
meeting until June 6, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0



(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:51 A.M.,  
May 31, 2016)

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HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

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LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk