

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, Wednesday, the 31st 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
Marc Miley	Chief Deputy 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 15, 2017, presented by Chancery Clerk for Supervisors' consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 15, 2017, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

**III
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1**

Reference: MAS Scholarships

MAS scholarships in amount of \$500 awarded to Janiya Edwards and Matthew Jackson Billingsley

No Board Action

**IV
LLOYD PRICE
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: County Claims Docket - Period Ending May 31, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board County Claims Docket for period ending May 31, 2017,
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – April, 2017

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending April, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Surplus Property

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to declare surplus and remove from inventory surplus property from the following County departments:

(1) Lowndes County Adult Detention Center

(2) Sheriff's Department

(3) Tax Assessor Office

(4) Chancery Clerk Office

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

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Assessor/Collector

A: Reference: Baldor Electric – Ten Year Tax Exemption

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve ten-year tax exemption for Baldor Electric 2016 acquisitions with true value of property as recommended by Department of Revenue at \$2,793,600 (1-1-17 to 12-31-26)
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

JASON SHARP, Esquire
The Brunini Firm
(Representing Akzo Nobel)

B. Reference: Akzo Nobel - Ten Year Tax Exemption

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve ten-year tax exemption

for Akzo Nobel additional equipment placed in service in 2016
with true value of \$11,316,463.19

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

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Board Policy – Industrial Exemptions

- Upon recommendation of Tax Assessor, Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt policy on industrial exemptions setting investment at \$5,000,000 or above effective June 1, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: International Paper – Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify Department of Revenue International Paper certification of eligibility for ten-year tax exemption with true value of property at \$11,139.683 effective January 1, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
SHELLEY STRICKLAND
Address Coordinator

Reference: New Road Name – Antler Way – District 5

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify new private road name for E911 purposes, to wit: Antler Way
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Personnel – New Hire

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve new hire, Brent

Williamson, as crew member for Road Department effective June 5, 2017, at \$13.50 per hour, to include six-month probationary period

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

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
ROGER SHORT
Recreation Manager

A. Reference: New Hope Playground Equipment

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize purchase of playground equipment plus accessories, not to exceed \$25,000, for New Hope Community Center to fulfil requirements of MWLF baseball property swap
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Advertisement for Bid – Recreation Department

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise for grounds-keeping and grass mowing services for Recreation Department as per contract to become effective October 1, 2017
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
JEFF SMITH
Supervisor, District 4

Reference: Potential Recreational Facility

Board discussion re: feasibility of utilizing old West Lowndes Middle School (Alternative School) as recreational facility

No Board Action

X
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

Reference: Sixteenth Section Land Leases (2)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify and spread upon Minutes of Board School Trust Land Release of Lease Agreement and Commercial 16th Section Land Lease Agreement between Lessor, Lowndes County School District, and Lessees, Fair Properties, L.P., and Bobby & Jeanettia Box
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

A: Reference: Utility Permit – Caledonia Natural Gas District

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Caledonia Natural Gas District utility permit application to construct ¾” natural gas service line along or across Wolfe Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B: Reference: Local System Bridge Program #44(9) - Ranson Road Project

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Board Order accepting contract for LSBP-44(9), release of contractor from further maintenance responsibility and issuance of joint letter of formal contract acceptance
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Change in Scope - Project Garage – Rail & Access Road
CSE #216193

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to request scope and budget modification of rail loan portion of Project Garage to include proposed rail inside building with original scope of rail access construction
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Lowndes County Fiscal Year 2015 EMPG Funding

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept Emergency Management Performance Grant in amount of \$5,696.32 for enhancement of emergency operations
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: County Holidays

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Gubernatorial Proclamation in observance of Tuesday, July 4, 2017, Independence Day, and at agency discretion, Monday, July 3, 2017, as County holidays

(Board of Supervisors' meeting to be Wednesday, July 5, 2017)

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

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Invoice – North Atlantic Security Company

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to authorize payment of \$622.50 to North Atlantic for inmate security during three-day hospital stay for emergency procedure
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII
JOHN HOLLIMAN
Supervisor, District 3

Reference: Acceptance of Warranty Deed – Rivendale Subdivision

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept Warranty Deed of Christopher B. Clardy for County road maintenance on extension of Rivendale Subdivision

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

(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV
LEROY BROOKS
Supervisor, District 5

Reference: Artesia Road Safety Concern

Advised Board of community concern re: safety of Artesia Road
due to speed of trucks and littering steel and debris along roadway

No Board Action

XV
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney

A. Reference: City of Columbus 16th Section Leasehold Quit-Claim
Deeds (3)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept three 16th Section Leasehold Quit-Claim Deeds from City of Columbus to correct issues with streets surrounding soccer complex being abandoned, converted to soccer fields and new streets rerouted
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Quit-Claim Deed / McArthur Properties – Nashville
Ferry Bridge Project

- As per mutual agreement between the parties, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to sell, convey and quit-claim unto McArthur Properties portion of old right-of-way no longer used
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XVI
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1**

CLOSED DETERMINATION

Reference: Acquisition of Real Property

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Closed Determination

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into Executive Session
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

Board discussion re: acquisition of real property in County for future recreational opportunities as well as feasibility of acquiring historic home site in City

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

**XVII
OPEN BOARD MEETING / ADJOURNMENT**

- Upon reconvening, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn Board of Supervisors' meeting until Monday, June 5, 2017, 9:00 A.M.
 - - Second by Supervisor Sanders
 - - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:03 A.M., May 31, 2017)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk