

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

November 2, 2015

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 2nd day of November, 2015, 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, Marc Miley, Chief Deputy Sheriff
- 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 Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for October 15, 2015, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve October 15, 2015, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

**III
DAVE BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending October 30, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending October 30, 2015
 - - Second by Supervisor Smith
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Fiscal Year 2015 Amended Budget

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2015

ending September 30, 2015
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Fiscal Year 2015 Interfund Transfers/Loans

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Fiscal Year 2015 journal entries for inter-fund transfers and loans
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Collector / Assessor

Reference: 2015 Real & Personal Tax Rolls – Dept of Revenue Order

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to ratify and spread upon Minutes of Board Order of Department of Revenue approving real and personal assessment rolls for 2015 and authorizing expenditure of 1 mill levy
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
GREG MERCHANT
Coroner

Reference: Unclaimed Body (Dorothy Kelly)

- Absent the propriety of a small estate affidavit, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to declare Dorothy Kelly indigent, deposit into County's general fund \$741 (in possession of deceased at time of death) and authorize proper burial not to exceed said amount
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

VI
WILDA THOMAS, Regent
Shuk-ho-ta Tom-a-ha Chapter
Daughters of American Revolution

Reference: Flag Donation – Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept donation of official flag of Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration by Shuk-ho-ta Tom-a-ha Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Road Department Monthly Board Reports – October, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for October, 2015, together with work schedule for November, 2015
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
GEORGE H. CRAWFORD
Project Analyst
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

**A. Reference: Mississippi Steel Processing Expansion Project
(CDBG #1128-11-044-ED-01)**

(1) Budget Modification (Fund Transfer)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to transfer remaining funds from rail line item to loading pad line item (\$159,928.95), said transfer resulting in no change in overall amount of funds in project
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Invoices - Phillips Contracting + Calvert-Spradling Engineers

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve invoices as follows:

Phillips Contracting - \$163,474.21
Calvert-Spradling Engineers - \$6,400

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

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(3) Change Order – Phillips Contracting

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Phillips Contracting change order in amount of \$6,221.21 (increase) which adjusts contract to final as-built quantities

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

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Report Summary – Section 3 Requirements

Projects: CDBG # 1128-11-044-ED-01 (MSP)
CDBG # 1130-13-044-ED-01 (Cal-Star)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to transmit Report Summary regarding Section 3 compliance to Mississippi Development Authority/Community Services Division

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

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX

**ROBERT JOHNSTON, DAVID FINK & HERMAN JUNKIN
AT&T**

Reference: Proposal – E911 Phone System

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to employ independent consultant and table decision until November 13, 2015, re: upgrade and relocation versus replacement of E911 phone system

- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
MARC MILEY
Chief Deputy Sheriff

Reference: Surplus Property

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Department itemized surplus asset listing of August 20 and October 22, 2015
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Caledonia & Crawford Fire Stations – Electrical Contracts

(On Behalf of County Fire Coordinator)

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to authorize progress payment to Malone Electric for electrical installation work thus far performed at the Caledonia and Crawford fire stations
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Addition to 10/5/15 Board Minutes – Real Estate Purchase Price

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread upon Minutes of Board \$5,000 purchase price of Owen family property in Burns Bottom plus payment of prorated property taxes (Appraised Value, \$6,000)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Veterans Day Ceremony

Veterans Day ceremony to be held Saturday, November 7, 2015, 11:00 A.M., front lawn of Courthouse; Activities to include dedication of World War I Monument

(For Information Only – No Board Action)

XII
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1

Reference: Courthouse Weapons Policy

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to comply with Order of the Court in Cause # 2003-0412, Chancery Court of Lowndes County, dated November 18, 2011, In Re: Concealed Weapons In Courthouse
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney

Reference: Road Permit Bond

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread upon Minutes of Board Gulf Pine Energy road permit bond in amount of \$200,000 issued by Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland and expiring October 22, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV
CLOSED DETERMINATION

Reference: Personnel Matter

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into closed determination regarding a personnel issue

Employee termination appealed to Board of Supervisors

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into executive session to hear employee grievance re: termination
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

**XV
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Reference: Appeal - Employee Grievance

- **Motion by Supervisor Brooks to ratify employee termination**
 - - **Second by Supervisor Sanders**
 - - - **Vote 5-0**

- **Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn executive session and resume regular Board meeting**
 - - **Second by Supervisor Sanders**
 - - - **Vote 5-0**

**XVI
BOARD MEETING
(Continuation)
RECESS**

- **Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until November 13, 2015, 9:00 A.M.**
 - - **Second by Supervisor Brooks**
 - - - **Vote 5-0**

**(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:30 A.M.,
November 2, 2015)**

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk