

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 5th of September, 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, John Holliman, Supervisor, District 3, Board Vice-President
- Pledge of Allegiance, Lisa Younger Neese, Chancery Clerk

I.

BOARD AGENDA

Reference: Adopt agenda as amended

- Motion to adopt agenda as amended by Supervisor Brooks
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

II.

BOARD MINUTES

Reference: Approve September 5th Board Minutes

-Motion to approve September 5th board minutes by Supervisor Brigham

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “B” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III.

LLOYD PRICE

Chief Financial Officer

A. Reference: County Claims Docket

-Motion to spread county claims docket for the period ending September 15th, 2017 by Supervisor Brooks

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “C” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: August 2017 Financials

-Motion to spread August 2017 Financial statements on minutes by Supervisor Smith

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “D” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Surplus Property

-Motion to remove surplus property by Supervisor Holliman

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “E” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.

GREG ANDREWS

County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Reference: 2016 Tax Roll Change

-Motion to approve 2016 tax roll changes by Supervisor Smith

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “F” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Columbus Agreement

-Motion to spread Columbus Tax Agreement on minutes by Supervisor Brooks.

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “G” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.

GEORGE CRAWFORD

Golden Triangle Planning and Development District Inc.

Project Analyst

Reference: Closeout ARC and DIP grants

-Motion to closeout ARC and DIP grants for SDI paint shop project by Supervisor Holliman

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "H" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.

RONNIE BURNS

Road Manager

A. Reference: Clean out drainage ditch

-Motion authorizing cleanout for 275 feet of ditch on Spivey Road based on a finding to prevent damage and preserve integrity of Spivey Road by Supervisor Brigham.

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "I" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Pave walking tracks

-Motion to approve paving of the Caledonia and Crawford walking tracks by Supervisor Holliman.

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "J" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Pave Townsend Community Center walking track

-Motion to pave the Townsend Community Center walking track contingent only to the CLRA paying for paving cost by Supervisor Smith.

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "K" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Monthly Reports

-Motion to spread monthly reports on minutes by Supervisor Brigham.

- - Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "L" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
ROBERT CALVERT

County Engineer

A. Reference: apply for ARC Grant

- Motion for the resolution to apply for ARC grant for \$1,250,000.00 by Supervisor Brigham
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “M” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: approve matching funds

- Motion to approve the resolution to provide local matching funds by Supervisor Smith.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “N” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII.
LISA YOUNGER NEESE

Chancery Clerk

A. Reference: Justice Court Report

- Motion to spread the Justice Court Report of \$31,636.10 for the civil division and \$90,662.76 for the criminal division on minutes by Supervisor Brigham.
- - Second by Supervisor Smith.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “O” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Sheriff’s Report

- Motion to spread the Sheriff’s Report on board minutes by Supervisor Holliman.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “P” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Sixteenth Section Land Leases

- Motion to approve the Sixteenth Section Land Lease in the name of Chad Wheat by Supervisor Brooks.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “Q” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
MIKE ARLEDGE

Sheriff

A. Reference: Meal log

- Motion to spread the Adult detention Inmates' meal log for August 2017 on minutes by Supervisor Brigham.
- -Second by Supervisor Smith.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "R" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.

ROGER SHORT

Recreation Manager

A. Reference: Property Assignments

- Motion to spread Plum Grove, Anderson Grove, Caledonia, and Blalock Road property assignments on board minutes by Supervisor Brigham.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "S" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Hires

- Motion for permission to hire staff for recreation department and spread new hires on board minutes effective October 1st, 2017, by Supervisor Brooks.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "T" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.

JEFF SMITH

Supervisor, District 4

A. Reference: NAACP Annual Freedom Banquet

- Motion to spread resolution for the NAACP Annual Freedom Banquet by Supervisor Smith.
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.
- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit "U" attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII.

PUBLIC HEARING

Reference: County Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

- (1) Ralph Billingsley addressed the Board of Supervisors.
- (2) Leroy Brooks addressed the Board of Supervisors.

- Motion to close public hearing by Supervisor Sanders.
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “V” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.
RALPH BILLINGSLEY

County Administrator

A. Reference: Approve 2018 Budget

-Motion to approve 2018 county budget by Supervisor Sanders.

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks.

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “W” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Lowndes County School Budget

-Motion to spread the Lowndes County School Budget for 2018 by Supervisor Sanders.

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman.

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “X” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Lowndes County Millage

-Motion to approve and set Lowndes County Millage at 42.01 by Supervisor Sanders.

- - Second by Supervisor Smith.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “Y” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Lowndes County School Millage

-Motion to spread and approve Lowndes County School millage at 46.71 by Supervisor Sanders.

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham.

- - -Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “Y” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Total Millage

-Motion to approve the total millage for the Lowndes County and Lowndes County Schools for 88.72 by Supervisor Holliman.

- - Second by Supervisor Sanders

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit “Y” attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV.
RECESS

-Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors’ meeting until Friday, September 29th, 2017.

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

HARRY SANDERS, President

Attest:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk