

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

September 15, 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, Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 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
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, Ralph Billingsley, County Administrator
- 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 Brigham
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

Board Minutes for September 8, 2015, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve September 8, 2015, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

**III
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending September 15, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending September 8, 2015
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – August, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending

August, 2015

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

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Interfund Transfer – Brush Truck

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve transfer of \$117,960 from Solid Waste Fund to County-Wide Road Fund for purchase of 2016 Freightliner brush truck
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
GREG ANDREWS
Tax Collector/Assessor

A. Reference: Reduction of Assessments – 2014 Real & Personal Properties

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify and spread upon Minutes of Board Audit Department changes in 2014 real and personal property assessments
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Tax Refund - #14948

- Due to City of Columbus error, Motion by Supervisor Holliman to issue tax refund in amount of \$128.03 to Office of Chancery Clerk, said refund to be deducted from City of Columbus September settlements
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Set Aside Tax Sale + Tax Refund

- Due to City of Columbus error, Motion by Supervisor Brigham to issue tax refund in amount of \$596.93 to Wildcat Properties and set aside 2012 tax sale #14757; tax refund to be deducted from City of Columbus September settlements

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

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
SPENCER BROOCKS
Home Specialist/Planner
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Reference: HOME Program

(1) Payment Request

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve final admin payment in amount of \$12,000 to Golden Triangle Planning & Development District for HOME Program
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Close-Out

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to close out HOME Program
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - No Vote

- Upon further Board discussion and input of Building inspector, Motion by Supervisor Sanders to post-pone close out of HOME Program until September 30, 2015, Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

B. Reference: Resolution – EPA FY 2016 Regional Brownfield Assessment Grant Application

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution in support of Golden Triangle Planning & Development's submission of Environmental Protection Agency FY 2016 Brownfield Assessment Grant for seven-County district
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

CHARLIE CULPEPPER
Building Inspector

Reference: Property Hearing – 683 Beersheba Road

- Upon Board consideration of Building Inspector's property report and input of homeowner, Frank Stumpf, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to continue property hearing for thirty days
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread Notice of Property Hearing upon Minutes of Board
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

Reference: Public Hearing – 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget

Input by Golden Triangle Outdoors re: Field of Dreams

Supervisors Brooks and Holliman to serve on Field of Dreams committee and present plans and recommendations to Board

Board discussion re: present budget deficit, potential future revenue and commitments, proposed court reporter pay increase, funding short-fall for Plum Grove baseball field project, consideration of incremental tax increase, employee raises, public facilities up-keep, Field of Dreams and County achievements

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to conclude budget hearing and resume Board meeting
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII
GLORIA BLUNT
Purchasing Clerk**

A. Reference: Limestone Bids

(1) Reject Bids

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to reject limestone bids based upon finding said bids submitted for delivery price per ton were not firm bids
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(2) Bid Advertisement

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to re-advertise for limestone bids
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Award Semi-Annual Bids

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award semi-annual bids as per attached itemization
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer**

Reference: New Road – Danna Drive

- Upon recommendation of County Engineer, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Danna Drive as County Road (gravel drive located (off Seed Tick Road)
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

X
MIKE ARLEDGE
Sheriff

Reference: Adult Detention Facility Inmate Daily Meal Log – August, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board August, 2015, inmate daily meal log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

Reference: Sheriff's Report of Monies Received – August, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Sheriff's Report of Monies Received for August, 2015, in amount of \$20,486.88
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1

A. Reference: Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to amend budget in amount of \$17,000 for chancery and circuit court reporters' raise for budget year 2015/16
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- Substitute Motion by Supervisor Smith to amend budget in amount of \$17,000 for chancery and circuit court reporters' raise for budget year 2015/16 plus \$21,000 for cost over-runs to complete Plum Grove baseball field
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 2-3 (Supervisors Sanders, Brigham and Holliman nay)

- Original Motion by Supervisor Brigham – Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Smith nay)
- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve 2015-16 budget as amended
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Smith nay)

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Lowndes County School District

(1) Set Millage

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to set school millage as per Lowndes County School District Order and as itemized on the attached exhibit (Total – 46.71 Mils)
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Budget

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread upon Minutes of Board Lowndes County School District budget for for year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
 - - Second by Supervisor Holliman
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Set County Millage

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to set County millage as per attached itemization (Total – 40.1 Mils)
 - - Second by Supervisor Brooks
 - - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

SUPERVISORS SMITH and BROOKS ABSENT

**XIII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator**

A. Reference: 2016 Beaver Control Contract

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve 2016 beaver control contract

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 3-0 (Supervisors Smith and Brooks absent)

B. Reference: LCIDA Budget Amendment – SDI Road

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to amend Lowndes County Industrial Development Authority budget in amount of \$60,000 for repair of Steel Dynamics, Inc. Road
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 3-0 (Supervisors Smith and Brooks absent)

C. Reference: MEMA Grant

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept Mississippi Emergency Management Agency grant in amount of \$2,154 for purchase of portable scanner and desktop computer
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 3-0 (Supervisors Smith and Brooks absent)

(Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV
RECESS**

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until September 30, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:44 A.M.,
September 15, 2015)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk