

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, Thursday, the 15th day of September, 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
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 August 31, 2016, presented by Chancery Clerk for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve August 31, 2016, Minutes of Board of Supervisors' Meetings**
- - Second by Supervisor Smith**
- - - Vote 5-0**

**III
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer**

A. Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending September 15, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board Claims Docket for period ending September 15, 2016**
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman**
- - - Vote 5-0**

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Financial Statements – August, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board financial statements for period ending August, 2016**
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman**
- - - Vote 5-0**

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
GLORIA BLUNT
Purchasing Clerk

Reference: Award Semi-Annual Bids / Road Department

- **As per Road Manager and Purchasing Clerk recommendation, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award semi-annual bids as itemized on attached documents**
- **Second by Supervisor Holliman**
- **Vote 5-0**

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
BRENDA LATHAN
Senior Vice-President
Golden Triangle Development Link

A. Reference: Resolution – Lee Middle School Project

- **Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution of Intent to issue tax increment financing bonds in amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to finance Lee Middle School project**
- **Second by Supervisor Smith**
- **Vote 5-0**

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Lease Termination – CalStar Products

- **Motion by Supervisor Holliman to terminate Amended & Restated Lease Agreement with CalStar Products effective February 15, 2016**
- **Second by Supervisor Brigham**
- **Vote 5-0**

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
LISA YOUNGER NEESE
Chancery Clerk

A. Reference: Lowndes County Justice Court Report – August, 2016

- **Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board civil and criminal collections for Lowndes**

County Justice Court for month of August, 2016, to wit:

Civil - \$29,212.88 Criminal - \$129,560.46

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

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Sheriff's Report of Monies Received – August, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread upon
Minutes of Board Sheriff's Report of Monies Received for
August, 2016, in amount of \$9,182.57
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII
GEORGE CRAWFORD
Project Analyst
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Reference: Invoices - Steel Dynamics, Inc. Paint Shop Project

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the following
invoices for Project #215013, Paint Shop/SDI, Inc.

- (1) Perma Corp – water & sewer - \$55,540.60
- (2) Malouf Construction – rail access - \$75,153.98

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

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Invoice – HOME Project – Augusta Ferguson Home

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the following invoice
for the Augusta Ferguson home, to wit:

Metro Home Inspection – inspection fee - \$400.00

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

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
MARC MILEY
Chief Deputy Sheriff

**Reference: Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility - Inmate Daily
Meal Log - August, 2016**

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board August, 2016, inmate daily meal log for Lowndes County Adult Detention Facility
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX
RONNIE BURNS
Road Manager

Reference: Road Department Monthly Board Reports – August, 2016

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of Board culvert report and work orders for August, 2016, together with work schedule for September, 2016
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Resolution / Bond Issuance – Equine Center

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to adopt Resolution requesting Department of Finance & Administration pass Resolution declaring necessity for issuance of State General Obligation Bonds in amount of \$400,000 to assist Lowndes County with costs of equine center and related facilities
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Release of Lowndes County Files – Baker Donelson

In light of Stephen Edds' resignation from the law firm of Baker

Donelson and subsequent employment with Butler Snow Law Firm, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Baker Donelson Law Firm to release Lowndes County Files to Butler Snow Law Firm

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI

JEFF SMITH

Supervisor, District 4

Reference: Resolution – Thirteenth Annual NAACP Freedom Banquet

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution commending Wilma Jones Scott for her dedication to the Mississippi Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and welcomes her to Lowndes County as speaker for NAACP's 13th annual Freedom Banquet

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XII

LEROY BROOKS

Supervisor, District 5

Reference: Discussion - Parks & Recreation Authority

Proposal to move forward expeditiously as follow-up to Board of Supervisors' notification to City of Columbus of intent to withdraw from Columbus / Lowndes Recreation Authority

County Administrator to contact City of Columbus to determine their intent re: City/County Inter-local Agreement and participation in discussions with Board of Supervisors re: future of recreation in City and County

XIII

RECESS

Board of Supervisors recessed at 9:19 A.M. and thereafter reconvened at 9:30 A.M., September 15, 2016, with commencement of public

hearing re: fiscal year 2016-2017 budget

**XIV
PUBLIC HEARING**

Reference: County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

(1) ROGER SHORT

On behalf of Columbus / Lowndes Parks & Recreation, lobbied for capital improvements, in particular satisfaction of Wildlife & Fisheries grant to place playground equipment at New Hope Community Center; also, a concern for Field of Dreams

(2) LEROY BROOKS

Advocated \$1,000 raise for County employees

To contrast Lowndes County employees' salaries with those of top ten comparably populated counties in Mississippi and revisit proposal

There being no further input re: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget, the public hearing was closed by Board President

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

SUPERVISOR BROOKS ABSENT

**XV
CONTINUATION OF BOARD MEETING**

**RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator**

Reference: Lowndes County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

(1) Adopt Budget and Set Millage

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to adopt fiscal year 2016-2017 budget and set mills for County spending at 38.01
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0 (Yea vote in absentia by Supervisor Brooks)

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(a) East Mississippi Community College

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve 2 mills (mandatory) for EMCC and set county mills at 40.01
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0 (Yea vote in absentia by Supervisor Brooks)

(b) Lowndes County School District

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve requested 46.71 mills for Lowndes County School District
- - Second by Supervisor Sanders
- - - Vote 5-0 (Yea vote in absentia by Supervisor Brooks)

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Total County Millage

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to set total County millage at 86.72
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0 (Yea vote in absentia by Supervisor Brooks)

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XVI
RECESS

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to recess Board of Supervisors' meeting until September 30, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 4-0 (Supervisor Brooks absent)

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:07 A.M., September 15, 2016)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk