

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

September 30, 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, Wednesday, the 30th 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 Aldridge	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
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**II
BOARD MINUTES**

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

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

**III
LEROY BROOKS
Supervisor, District 5**

Reference: Resolution – Tommy Kidd

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution recognizing Tommy Kidd, retiring Assistant Road Manager, for thirty-two years of commendable service to the Road Department and citizens of Lowndes County
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
DAVIS BASINGER
Chief Financial Officer

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

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

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Fiscal Year 2015 Amended Budget

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to amend fiscal year 2015 budget to actual expenditures expended and actual revenues received
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Surplus Assets

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to declare items on attached fixed asset inventory listing as surplus and remove same from inventory
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
MACAULAY WHITAKER, APR
VP, Internal & External Affairs
Golden Triangle Development Link

Reference: Resolution of Support – Workforce Development

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution authorizing Golden Triangle Development Link to submit application on behalf of County to become certified as ACT Workforce Community
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI
BOB CALVERT
County Engineer

**A. Reference: Local System Bridge Program – Board Order -
State Aid Project LSBP #44(14)**

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to ratify State Aid acceptance of LSBP #44 (14) on Potts Road and order contractor, TLSL, Inc., released from further maintenance responsibilities effective September 18, 2015
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Environmental Studies – Proposed AG Center

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize environmental studies at site of proposed County AG Center, to wit:
 - (1) Cultural Resources Survey - \$1,840
 - (2) Wetlands & Other Water Delineation - \$5,200
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Utility Permit – Gulf Pine Energy, LP – Jemison Road

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve utility permit application to construct temporary water line under culvert at ditch-line on Jemison Road
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

Reference: Steel Dynamics, Inc., Expansion Project

A Development Infrastructure Program (DIP)

- (1) Resolution

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution authorizing County to enter into grant agreement with MDA predicated upon receiving \$500,000 grant for purpose of providing water, sewer, and road improvements to facilitate Steel Dynamics expansion project
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

(2) Support Documentation – DIP Application

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Board letter to MDA solidifying necessity for DIP funds in order to facilitate company expansion, thus enhancing economic development through creation of additional jobs
- - Second by Supervisor Brigham
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Mississippi ACE Grant Program

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to endorse Golden Triangle Planning & Development District as local sponsor in submission of \$1,950,000 Mississippi ACE grant application to MDA for funding of sewer and access road improvements at Steel Dynamics proposed expansion site
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Rail Loan Program

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to submit application to Mississippi Development Authority for rail loan funds in amount of \$1,000,000 to provide access to proposed expansion site of Steel Dynamics
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VIII
RALPH BILLINGSLEY
County Administrator

A. Reference: Update – 108 McLemore Road Property

Property to be monitored. At present does not rise to level of presenting a menace to public health and safety

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Donation – Phillips Contracting – West Lowndes Fire Station

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Phillips Contracting donation of in-kind services to remove slab and clean property at West Lowndes site of new fire station
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Donation – Lowndes Community Foundation – World War I Memorial

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Lowndes Community Foundation donation of \$3,000 to assist in cost of placing World War I memorial on courthouse lawn
- - Second by Supervisor Holliman
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Reference: Engineering Contract – County AG Center

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve engineering contract with Calvert-Spradling Engineers for preliminary professional services at site of Lowndes County AG Center
- - Second by Supervisor Brooks
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Reference: Renewal – Property & Casualty Insurance

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to select Mississippi Association of Supervisors Insurance Trust as Lowndes County's provider effective October 1, 2015 (Galloway, Chandler, McKinney, agent)
- - Second by Supervisor Smith
- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX
HARRY SANDERS
Supervisor, District 1**

A. Reference: Audit Report

Lowndes County recipient of State Auditor Achievement in Reporting for year ending September 30, 2014

(Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Four-County Electric Power Association

Invitation to supervisors to meet with other local leaders, 4-County management and TVA regarding issues related to electric power industry and programs available for Lowndes County citizens and businesses (October 7, 2015, 10:00 A.M., EMCC)

(Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X
ADJOURNMENT**

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

(WHEREUPON, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:39 A.M., September 30, 2015)

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Clerk