

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

June 1, 2015

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 1st day of June, 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  
Timothy Hudson, Esq.   Board Attorney  
Lisa Younger Neese     Deputy Chancery Clerk  
Billy Wood                Deputy Sheriff  
Ralph Billingsley       Administrator, Lowndes County

County Staff Members

Members of News Media

County Citizens

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- Call to Order, Billy Wood, Deputy Sheriff
- Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- Invocation, Violet Bankhead, Deputy Tax Clerk

- Pledge, Lisa Younger Neese

I

LISA YOUNGER NEESE

Reference: Presentation of Plaque – Ira Dion Earheart

Presentation of plaque to Ira Dion Earheart in appreciation of dedication,  
support and service to Board of Supervisors

II

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)

III

BOARD MINUTES

Board Minutes, May 15, 2015, and May 21, 2015, presented by Chancery Clerk  
for Board consideration

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 15, 2015, Minutes of Board  
of Supervisors' Meeting
  - Second by Supervisor Smith
  - Vote 5-0
- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve May 21, 2015, Minutes of Board  
of Supervisors' Meeting

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

IV

DAVIS BASINGER

Chief Financial Officer

Reference: Claims Docket – Period Ending May 29, 2015

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread upon Minutes of  
Board Claims Docket for period ending May 29, 2015

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V

MAHALA SALAZAR

Circuit Clerk

Reference: Relocation – Caledonia Polling Place

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to move Caledonia polling precinct to  
205 South Street for June 2, 2015, election

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI

LINA BEALL

Administrator, Community Counseling Services

Reference: Annual Report

Introduction of new programs implemented at Community

Counseling Services, to wit:

- (a) INSERT Program – Mobile crisis response teams to provide behavioral assessment and stabilization for those in crisis
- (b) Adolescent Intensive Out-Patient Alcohol and Drug Program – Licensed Counselor to work with adolescents
- (c) TAP-OUT Program (Teens Advocating for Prevention Outreach) - Alcohol & drug prevention program for fourth through eighth graders
- (d) Supported Employment Program – Assistance for those with long-term mental illness and disability

(Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

TRENT KELLY, Esquire

Reference: Introduction to Board

Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 1st Congressional District,  
to fill unexpired term of Alan Nunnelee

VIII

STEVE PITTMAN, Esquire

Government Consultants, Inc.

STEVE EDDS, Esquire

Baker/Donelson Law Firm

Reference: Resolution - Bond Refinancing

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to adopt Resolution declaring intention of Lowndes County to issue general obligation bonds or notes of said County in one or more series in amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 for purpose of refinancing certain outstanding debt of Lowndes County and corresponding debt of Mississippi Development Bank and authorizing sale of such debt through limited solicitation of proposals or by negotiation

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX

GREG ANDREWS

County Tax Collector/Assessor

A. Reference: CalStar Products 10-Year Tax Exemption (1-1-15 to 12-31-24)

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread upon Minutes of Board exemption values applicable to land, building and personal property of CalStar Products priorly approved by Memorandum of Understanding

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: One (1) Mill Certification

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to ratify Application Certification of Lowndes County for fiscal year 2015-2016 for authority to expend one (1) mill according to Section 27-39-329(b), Mississippi Code Annotated, as amended

- - Second by Supervisor Brigham

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X

CHARLIE CULPEPPER

County Building Inspector

Reference: 4412 Military Road Property

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to grant property owner at 4412 Military Road two additional weeks (until June 15, 2015) to bring said property into compliance with statutory guidelines

- - Second by Supervisor Brooks

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI

SAMMY FONDREN

Fire Coordinator

A. Reference: Aid Agreement – Mayhew Community Fire Protection

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Automatic Aid Agreement

between Clay County/Tibbee Volunteer Fire District and Lowndes County Fire District 5 to provide enhanced Mayhew community fire protection and reduced insurance rates

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Re-Advertisement – Old Rural Hill Fire Station Items

- Motion by Supervisor Holliman to reject sole bid of \$101 for doors and electric openers at old Rural Hill fire station and re-advertise for bids

-- Second by Supervisor Brigham

--- Vote 5-0

XII

RONNIE BURNS

Road Manager

A. Reference: Employee Transfer

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve transfer of Tim May to

Class I equipment operator at \$15.94 per hour effective June 2, 2015

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Road Department Monthly Board Reports

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve and spread upon Minutes of

Board culvert report and work orders for May, 2015, plus work schedule  
for June, 2015

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Reference: Advertisement for Bids - Brush Truck / Debris Pick-up

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to advertise for new brush truck to be  
used for debris pick-up

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

XIII

GEORGE CRAWFORD

Project Analyst

Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

A. Reference: Invoices - Mississippi Steel Processing – CDBG Rail

Improvements

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize payment of the following

invoices:

Calvert-Spradling Engineers - \$7,163.13

B&P Enterprises, Southaven, Mississippi - \$9,670.46

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)



B. Reference: Resolution – Code of Standards of Conduct – CDBG Programs

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution of Board compliance  
with Code of Standards of Conduct applicable to Community

Development Block Grant programs

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV

RALPH BILLINGSLEY

County Administrator

A. Reference: Resolution – TRVWMD – First Colony Subdivision

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution requesting Tombigbee

River Valley Water Management District clean out Ditch #10 that flows  
into retention pond in and around First Colony Subdivision

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Reference: Board Appointments

(1) Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to reappoint Scott Hannon to five-year  
term on Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority Board (6-1-15 to  
5-31-20)

-- Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(2) Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to reappoint Rissa Lawrence to four-year term on Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau Board

(5-16-15 to 5-15-19)

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

- - - Vote 5-0

C. Reference: Independence Day Holiday

- Pursuant to State of Mississippi designation, Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe Friday, July 3, 2015, as County holiday in recognition of our independence (July 4th – Saturday)

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

XV

JEFF SMITH

Supervisor, District 4

Reference: Resolution In Support of Wicks Community

- Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt Resolution recognizing the significance of the Wicks Community in providing land, services and historical vision to Lowndes County

- - Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XVI

TIM HUDSON

Board Attorney

Reference: Retirement Resolution - Connie Tilley

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt Resolution in appreciation of  
Connie Tilley's thirty years of dedicated and valuable service to Lowndes  
County as Director of the ACT Center (Adults Conquering Tomorrow)

-- Second by Supervisor Brigham

--- Vote 5-0

(Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XVII

HARRY SANDERS

Supervisor, District 1

Reference: Advertisement for Public Comment – Lowndes County/School

District Land Swap

- Motion by Supervisor Sanders to advertise for public comment period  
regarding proposed land swap between Lowndes County and the  
Lowndes County School District

-- Second by Supervisor Holliman

--- Vote 5-0

XVIII

LEROY BROOKS

Supervisor, District 5

Reference: Field of Dreams

Board discussion re: potential Parks and Recreation project

No Board Action

XIX

BOB CALVERT

County Engineer

Reference: Bid Opening – Mississippi Steel Processing Concrete Pad

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to take the following bids under  
advisement for tabulation:

Ausbern Construction - \$158,365.50      Phillips Contracting - \$157,253

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

- - - Vote 5-0

(Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XX

CLOSED DETERMINATION

Reference: Real Estate

Supervisor Sanders requested Closed Determination regarding a real  
estate matter

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into Executive Session

- - Second by Supervisor Smith

--- Vote 5-0

XXI

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reference: Real Estate

- Subsequent to Board Discussion re: real estate matter, Motion by  
Supervisor Sanders to adjourn Executive Session and resume open  
Board meeting

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

XXII

OPEN BOARD MEETING

(Continuation)

Reference: Real Estate Purchase

- Motion by Supervisor Brigham to authorize County Administrator to  
negotiate purchase of un-named real estate, solidify contract for same  
and bring to Board for approval

-- Second by Supervisor Brooks

--- Vote 5-0

XIX

BOB CALVERT

County Engineer

(Continuation)

Reference: Bid Award – Mississippi Steel Processing Concrete Pad

Advised Board of Section 3 requirements

- Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award contract for construction of

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