

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, Friday, the 15th of March, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

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| 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 |
| County Staff Members | |
| Members of News Media | |
| County Citizens | |

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

- I. Call to Order, President Harry Sanders
- II. Presiding, Harry Sanders, Board President
- III. Invocation, Roger Short
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance

**I
BOARD AGENDA**

A. 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)

II
BUTLER SNOW ATTORNEY STEVE EDDS AND
GOVERNMENT CONSULTANT STEVE PITTMAN

A. Employ Legal Counsel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve a Resolution employing legal counsel for a bond issue; second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve a Resolution in reference to the issuance of General Obligation Bonds; second by Supervisor Brigham. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
BOARD MINUTES

A. Approve March 4th Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brigham to approve the March 4, 2019 Minutes of the Board of Supervisors; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Consider adoption of an Ordinance banning certain synthetic products. Glenn Lautzenhiser and Sherry Owings addressed the Board. After comments, the Board meeting resumed.

IV
COUNTY ORDINANCE

A. County Ordinance

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the use, possession, distribution, sale or offering for sale of synthetic cannabinoids or other synthetic products; second by Supervisor Brigham. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V
LLOYD PRICE
Lowndes County CFO

A. County Claims Docket

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread the county claims docket for the period ending March 15, 2019 on the Minutes; second by

President Sanders. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. February 2019 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread the February 2019 Financials on the Minutes; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI

GREG ANDREWS

Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector

A. Town of Crawford Update

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the Minutes documentation from the IRS in reference to the Town of Crawford; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII

LISA NEESE

Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

A. Justice Court Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread the Justice Court Report on the Minutes; second by Supervisor Brigham. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread the Sheriff's Report on the Minutes; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated)

VIII

SHERIFF MIKE ARLEDGE

A. Adult Detention Inmates' Meal Log for February 2019

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread the Inmate meal log for February 2019 on the Minutes; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated)

B. Permission for County Employees to Purchase Weapons

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the purchase of service weapons by four retiring deputies for the sum of \$10.00 each; second by

Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Accept Donation

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the Sheriff to accept a donation of \$300.00; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

D. Accreditation Recognition – Director Bob Morgan

Presentation of Certificate of Accreditation of the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department by Director Bob Morgan. Information only.

IX

RALPH BILLINGSLEY
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to renew the property and casualty insurance; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Appoint Bank Account Administrator

Motion by Supervisor Smith to designate the Chancery Clerk as Bank Account Administrator; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

C. Set Property Hearing

Motion by Supervisor Brigham to set April 15, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. for hearings on three dilapidated properties; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Approve Good Friday Holiday

Motion by President Sanders to declare Good Friday as a county holiday; second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

X

RODERICK SMITH
Lowndes County Address Coordinator

A. New (Private) Lowndes County Road – Frye Circle – District One

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to name Frye Circle as a private road; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI
HARRY SANDERS
Board President

A. Appoint Three Trustees for Femster Cemetery

Motion by President Sanders to appoint James Dudley Smith, Johnny Gibson, Sandra Smith Hitt and Alternate, Herman Smith as trustees for Femster Cemetery; second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XII
BOB CALVERT
Lowndes County Engineer

A. Awarding of Contract

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to award the contract to drain a pond at the Sportsplex to Burns Dirt Construction; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII
TIM HUDSON
Board Attorney

A. Resolution - Mississippi University for Women

Motion by President Sanders to approve a resolution honoring the MUW's Women's Basketball Team; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Resolution - Old Yorkville South

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt a Resolution concerning the abandonment of a portion of Old Yorkville Road South; second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Brooks. Motion by Supervisor Holliman to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter. Vote 5-0. No action taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adjourn Executive Session and resume the Board Meeting; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

**XIV
SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LAWSUIT**

Based on a finding that a lawsuit against the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department and Justice Court Judge Ron Cook, individually, and in his official capacity, wherein insurance was denied for Judge Cook leaving Lowndes County to defend Judge Cook. Additionally, a settlement has been proposed that would be less than the anticipated cost of defense. Further, the Board finds it would be in the financial best interest of the County to settle this doubtful claim.

Accordingly, Supervisor Holliman moves that Lowndes County pay the sum of \$15,000.00 to settle the claim against Judge Ron Cook. Said motion was seconded by Supervisor Smith with the Board voting 5-0.

**XV
ADJOURN**

Motion by President Sanders to adjourn until April 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

HARRY SANDERS, Board President

ATTEST:

LISA YOUNGER NEESE, Chancery Clerk