

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 374

**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 6<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Trip Hairston	Supervisor, District 2, President
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	Sheriff
Cindy Egger Goode	Chancery Clerk
Jay Fisher	County Administrator
County Staff Members	
Members of News Media	
County Citizens	

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- I. Call to Order, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Leroy Brooks, Supervisor District 5
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

I  
**Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Presentation by Board President Trip Hairston of Resolution to Sheriff's Deputy Cameron Hickey.

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. May 2021 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes May 2021 financials; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list and declare said items surplus; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV.**  
**Cindy Lawrence**  
**Emergency Management Director**

- A. 911 System Contract Budget Amendment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to amend EMA 911 budget to \$64,000.00 to upgrade hardware and software to keep communication and maintenance in compliance; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**V.**  
**Greg Andrews**  
**Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

A. 2021 Real & Personal Property Tax Rolls

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes 2021 Real & Personal Property Tax Rolls; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Records Retention Schedule (Disposal of Records)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the records retention schedule (disposal of records); Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**  
**Teresa Barksdale**  
**Lowndes County Circuit Clerk**

A. Approval of Sole Source Vendor

Supervisor Brooks rescinded his motion to make a finding that Allmond Printing is a sole source provider for voting booths and requested Clerk to get quotes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**VII.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Approval of Ad for Insight Magazine

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve advertising in Insight Magazine to promote county resources; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

B. Lowndes County Travel Policy

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes the Lowndes County Travel Policy; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein).

C. Lowndes County Board Calendar Policy

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to table the Lowndes County Board Calendar Policy until the next board meeting; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

D. New Hire Juvenile Detention

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Miyah Ceaser as Detention Officer at \$13.00 an hour, beginning July 7, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. New Hire E911

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Jakeya Weatherspoon as part-time dispatcher for Lowndes County E911, effective July 12, 2021. Her rate of pay will be \$12.50 per hour. Upon completion of training, she will be promoted to full-time dispatcher at a rate of \$13.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. Ability Works Driveway Request

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Road Department to make repairs to Datco Industrial Drive, property jointly owned with City of Columbus; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Appropriate ¼ Sheriff/Tax Collector/Assessor Budget

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to authorize the request to appropriate a quarter of Sheriff and Tax Collector/Assessor Budget and spread on the minutes as presented; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

H. Technology Billing Audit Proposal

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize SpyGlass to conduct a technology billing audit at no costs to the county; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

I. Managed Print Contract Proposal

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to enter into a manage print contract with Dex Imaging to provide printing services for the county beginning 1 August 2021, with delayed billing to the county after 1 October 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

J. 2014 Bond Refunding Potential

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize the County Administrator to pursue the 2014 Bond Refunding Potential; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII.**  
**Neal Austin**  
**Lowndes County Fire Coordinator**

A. Approval of Surplus Property Sale

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the sale of previously declared surplus property with regard to the letter of intent to purchase offer of \$600; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein).

**IX.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Engineering/Architecture Contract for Ball Field Complex

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the Engineering/Architecture Contract for Ball Field Complex; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1 with Supervisor Smith abstaining. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. ERBR Application

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize and approve the County Engineer to submit the Canal Road Bridge over Sand Creek (BR#44-132) application for Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Funds to the MS Department of Transportation; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**  
**Cindy E. Goode**  
**Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the following Surety Bonds:

Treddis Anderson, Ex-Officio Deputy Sheriff  
Kerrigan Hill, Deputy Chancery Clerk  
Carley Michelle Estes, Receiving Clerk  
Samuel Allison, Lowndes Co School District Purchasing Agent  
Samuel Allison, Lowndes Co School District Superintendent  
Paul Wesley Barrett, Lowndes Co School District Board Member  
Jacqueline Gray, Lowndes Co School District Board Member  
Brian Clark, Lowndes Co School District Board Member  
Jane Kilgore, Lowndes Co School District Board Member  
Robert Barksdale, Lowndes Co School District Board Member  
Stephanie Jones, Lowndes Co School District Principal  
Roger D. Hill, Lowndes Co School District Principal

Gregory Leon Elliott, Lowndes Co School District Principal  
Susan Lingle McClelland, Lowndes Co School District CTC Director  
Matthew D. Smith, Lowndes Co School District Principal  
J. Matt Keith, Lowndes Co School District Principal  
James W. Carlisle, Jr., Lowndes Co School District Principal  
Robert S. Sanders, Lowndes Co School District Principal  
Gregory Wheat, Lowndes Co School District Maintenance Supervisor  
Sayonia Thompson Garvin, Lowndes Co School District Business  
Manager

Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Reports for May 2021 in the amount of \$5,470.00 and June 2021 in the amount of \$9,951.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI.**

**George Crawford**

**Project Analyst**

**Golden Triangle Planning & Development District, Inc.**

A. Approval of Rail Extension Invoices

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes of Rail Extension invoices from Calvert-Spradling Engineers \$2,093.25 and Phillips Contracting \$146,294.20; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New ARC Emergency Access Road Grant  
Approval of Point of Contact for Grant Acceptance

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Supervisor Trip Hairston and Project Analyst George Crawford as Point of Contact for Grant Acceptance; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**XII.**

**Eddie Hawkins**

**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hire – Detention Officer

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Margaret Adyleen Hughes as Detention Officer at a rate of pay \$13.42 per hour effective July 6, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Out of State Travel Fultondale, Al.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the out of state travel of Emily Konior and Jeff Edmonson to Fultondale, Alabama for Tactical Narcotics Unit Training 15-18 November 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Out of State Travel San Antonio, Tx.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the out of state travel of Cameron Hickey and Hunter McBride to San Antonio, Texas for Basic Tactical Medical Instructor Training 12-15 September 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIII.**

**Ronnie Burns**

**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for June 2021 and work schedule for July 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Y attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Demontrell Cunningham as a Crew Member on July 7, 2021, with a rate of \$14.60 per hour with a 6 month probationary period; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Z attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV.**

**Board Members**

A. Supervisor Holliman – culvert Lake Lowndes Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to make a finding that a county right of way damaged due to flooding along Lake Lowndes Road and to authorize repairs and replacement of culvert; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0

B. Supervisor Smith – Town of Crawford ordinance

Discussion – no action taken

C. Supervisor Brooks – BMH Ambulance Service

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to form an ad hoc committee of Trip Hairston, Leroy Brooks, Jay Fisher and Tim Hudson to review the BMH Ambulance Services policy; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to go into executive session to discuss a potential real estate sale and pending lawsuit. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

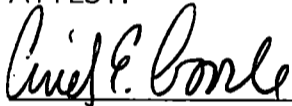
Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize the appraisal to assess the value of county owned property for potential sale. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.



ATTEST:



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk



TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President