

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

January 15th, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 370

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 15TH day of January, 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, Trip Hairston, Board President
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Jeff Smith, Supervisor District 4
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

**I
Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

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

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve January 4th, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve January 4th, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending January 15, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes County Claims Docket for period ending January 15, 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Approve FMLA

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the Family Medical Leave request for up to twelve weeks for Bridget Young E911 Dispatcher starting January 18, 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Approve President's Day Holiday

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve President's Day Holiday, February 15, 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

- D. Road Department Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Reports for December 2020 and work schedule for January 2021; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- E. Recommendation for Engineer on Manufacturers Loop Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Calvert-Spradling as Engineer for Manufacturers Loop Project; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

IV.
George Crawford
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District, Inc. Planner

- A. Steel Dynamics Project

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve Steel Dynamics Project change order; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.

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

A. Steel Dynamics Columbus, LLC Ad Valorem Tax Refund

Motion by Supervisor Brooks authorizing Board Attorney Tim Hudson to seek an opinion from the appropriate authorities with regard to issuing a credit or reimbursement to Steel Dynamics Columbus, LLC; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Sanders voting nay).

VI.

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

A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for fees of \$823.37 from Collection Agency MSB/Gila; Interest of \$314.50 for the month of December 2020; Criminal Collections for \$81,213.26 and Civil Collections for \$15,511.85 for the month of December 2020; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for \$4,020.41 for December 2020; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Surety Bond

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bond for Lonvojsier Cockrell for School Resource Officer; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.

**Linder Erby
Lowndes County Justice Court Clerk**

A. Justice Court Security

After discussion, this matter tabled until next board meeting.

VIII.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. Update Confederate Monument

Update – no action taken.

- B. Permission to Advertise Soccer Complex

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise Soccer Complex; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

- C. Bid Openings at 10:00 for Hot Mix/Overlay/Striping

No action taken.

IX.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

- A. December 2020 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes December 2020 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Meryl Fisackerly
Vice President
Golden Triangle Development LINK
Joe Max Higgins, Jr. - CEO

- A. LCIDA Budget/Funding

Discussion – Supervisor Brooks recommended that he and Supervisor Hairston work with LINK CEO on some issues and come back to the board at their next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue and economic development. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

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

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the Resolution of Intent economic development Project Renegade; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Supervisor Hairston recessed the meeting for the scheduled Planning Meeting.



Tripp Hairston

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a Planning meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 15TH day of January, 2021, commencing at 10:45 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
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The following proceedings were had:

- I. Call to Order, Trip Hairston, Board President
- II. Topics for Discussion
 - A. Resolution for Local and Private Funding

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt and spread on the minutes the Resolution requesting local and private legislation to authorize funding not to exceed \$150,000 per year for the local United Way for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Sports Complex Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to request Lowndes County Recreational Director Roger Short produce drawings with regard to Sports Complex

Project; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. COVID Policy

Motion by Supervisor Smith to reevaluate the current COVID policy 30 June 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adjourn until Monday, February 1st, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-0.




Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk


TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President