

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 371

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 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

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**Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

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

**II**  
**Cindy Lawrence**  
**EMA Director**

Cindy Lawrence EMA Director gave an update on the winter storm Lowndes County had been experiencing. No action taken.

**III.**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 16<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)

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

- A. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for Criminal Collections for \$129,522.70 and Civil Collections for \$19,317.39 for the month of January 2021; Interest of \$423.90 for the month of January 2021; and Unclaimed funds in Civil Account from 2019-2020 for \$290.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for \$4,941.02 for January 2021 Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Surety Bond

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bonds for Cameron Troy Hickey as Appointed Deputy; Jervarcus Deon Gooch as Appointed Narcotics Task Force; and Christopher Lamar Blaylock as Appointed Deputy; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. 16<sup>th</sup> Section Leases

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes 16<sup>th</sup> Section Leases for Ronald R. Musgrove and wife, Sherrie D. Musgrove and Rhonda Karen Richardson; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Pat Tuggle**  
**Lowndes County Purchase Clerk**

A. Award Turnkey Election System 2021

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to accept the Turnkey Election System 2021 bid from ES&S – Election Systems & Software, LLC. in the amount of \$234,000.00; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**VI.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Confederate Monument Quotes

Motion by Supervisor Smith to accept bids for the Confederate Monument removal from Columbus Marble Works for \$47,815.00 and foundation work from Danny's Custom Backhoe for \$31,886.00; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-1, Supervisor Sanders voting nay. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Utility Permits CSpire & Prairie Land Water

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes utility permit for Telepak Networks, Inc., dba CSpire for a fiber optic cable along Kinsdale Lane; Seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes two (2) Prairie Land Water utility permits for water service line along Crosby Lane lot #117 and lot #103; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII.**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. January 2021 Meal Log

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes January 2021 Meal Log; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve new hire Lauren Jackson Rhea as Deputy with pay rate of \$17.50 per hour effective 16 February 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Sole Source for Adult Detention Center

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve All Pro Plumbing as a sole source, based on the finding that completely repairing the plumbing system at ADC would cost approximately \$200,000.00. The sole source provider, All Pro Plumbing has all compatible parts for the repairs, that are no longer available, and repairs can be done for less than \$10,000.00; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Trustmark Executed Contract for Deposit Services

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the executed contract with Trustmark for deposit services; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. County Judge pay increase

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the pay raise for Lowndes County Court Judge to \$148,000.00, plus fringe benefits, the Mississippi State Supreme Court will reimburse the county for the raise and fringe benefits; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1. (Supervisor Brooks voting nay) (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Bond issue – discussion only, no action taken.

E. Proclamation of Local Emergency

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the executed Proclamation of Local Emergency; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IX.**  
**Jeff Smith**  
**Supervisor District 4**

A. Resolution Hughes Companies

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt the Resolution supporting the development of affordable housing in Supervisor District Four and other areas of Lowndes County, Mississippi; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021;  
seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



  
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TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:  
  
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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk