

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

March 1st, 2021

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

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, Monday, the 1st day of March, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

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| Harry Sanders | Supervisor, District 1 |
| Trip Hairston | Supervisor, District 2, President |
| John Holliman (attended via Go To Meeting) | Supervisor, District 3 |
| Jeff Smith Absent | 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, Trip Hairston, Board President

**I
Adopt Agenda**

A. Agenda Review

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

II
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve February 19TH, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve February 19th, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending February 28, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending February 28, 2021; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. January 2021 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes January 2021 Financials; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV.
Toby Sanford
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District

- A. Redistricting Presentation 2021 – discussion only, no action taken.

V.
Steve Edds
Butler Snow Representative

- A. 2015/2016 Bond Refunding

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution for the purpose of advance refunding and defeasing a portion of the County's outstanding \$3,170,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B, dated July 16, 2015; Seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein).

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to approve and spread on the minutes the Resolution for the purpose of currently refunding and redeeming all of the

County's outstanding \$10,175,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, dated January 28, 2016; Seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein).

VI.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. Approval to apply for Walmart Local Community Grant

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Lowndes County Sheriff to apply for Walmart Local Community Grant \$500.00; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.

B. New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Eloise Fulton as Detention Officer/POD Officer effective date 1 March 2021 at a rate of \$13.42/hour and Roderick Deshun Smith as Detention Officer/Rover effective date 1 March 2021 at a rate of \$13.42/hour; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VII.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Announcement of Board Openings – for information only

- a. Community Counseling Board
- b. Port Authority Board x 2
- c. CVB Board
- d. TRVWMD Board

B. Set Public Hearing

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to set Public Hearings for cleanup of properties located at 5943 Highway 45 North and 409 Westview Lane for 15 April 2021, at 9:30 a.m.; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0.

C. Approve ad for Progress Magazine

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the ad for Progress Magazine Spring Edition to advertise county resources; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.

VIII.
Leroy Brooks
Supervisor District 5

A. Pay Raises

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to amend the 2020/2021 budget to provide those employees identified with .50 cent and .75 cent raises and instruct County Administrator Jay Fisher and CFO Lloyd Price to add employees if they were any employees left off; Seconded by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 3-1 Supervisor Sanders voting nay. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

BID OPENING
10:00 a.m.
Lowndes County Soccer Complex

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to take under advisement three bids submitted for Lowndes County Soccer Complex Exercise Station Trail; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to go into executive session to discuss a pending legal issue and personnel matter. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks for Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to Quitclaim property to Lowndes County Industrial Development Authority; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to recess until Monday, March 15th, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 4-0.



ATTEST:

Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President