

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

March 15TH, 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, Monday, the 15TH, day of March, 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, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3
- 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 March 1st, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve March 1st, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

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

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

IV.
Brandt Galloway
Galloway-Chandler-McKinney Insurance

- A. Insurance renewal

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the MASIT insurance renewal ; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Leroy Brooks
Supervisor District 5
Candy Kizer – Building Inspection Department

- A. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to remove under Section B, (8) item c.) on page 21 from the prior Lowndes County Flood Ordinance and maintain all other portions of said Flood Ordinance; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein).

VI.
George Crawford
Golden Triangle Planning & Development District, Inc.

- A. Approval of Invoices for Steel Dynamics Rail Extension Project
Calvert-Spradling Engineers and Phillips Contracting

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes invoices from Phillips Contracting Co. Inc. for \$438,934.96; and Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. for \$5,023.80; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein).

VII.
Steve Pittman
Government Consultants Representative
Sue Hicks Fairbank – Butler Snow

- A. 2015/2016 Bond Refunding

Motion by Supervisor Smith to adopt and approve Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of not to exceed \$7,500,000.00 Lowndes County, Ms. General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A for the purpose of currently refunding and redeeming all of County's outstanding \$10,175,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, dated January 28, 2016; and Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,050,000.00, Lowndes County, Ms. Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2021B for the purpose of advance refunding and defeasing a portion of the County's outstanding \$3,170,000.00 General Obligation Refunding bonds, Series 2015B, dated July 16, 2015; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein).

VIII.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

- A. Justice Court Reports – February 2021

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court Reports for Interest of \$309.65; Civil Collections for \$13,778.00 and Criminal Collections for \$74,905.15; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. 16th Section Leases

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes two 16th Section Leases for (1) Andrew W. and wife, Anna A. Benton and (2) Linda M. Garcia & Leonard T. Polomski; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IX.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

A. Award Soccer Exercise Trail Contract

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept and award the Soccer Exercise Trail Contract to Pavecon, Ltd.; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. AT&T Utility Permits – Mt. Vernon & Beersheba Road

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T utility Permits for buried fiber telecommunications lines along Mount Vernon Road and Beersheba Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. February 2021 Meal Log

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

B. New Hire

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Treddis Darnell Anderson as Reserve Deputy at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective March 8, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. FMLA notification

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Detention Officer Barbara Webber Bell for 12 weeks Family Medical Leave Act; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Budget Amendment Request

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the budget amendment request; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XI.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Road Department Board Reports – January & February 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Road Department monthly reports for January & February 2021; and work schedule for the month of February & March 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Road Department Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the promotion of Joe Brownlee from crewmember to Class II operator effective March 16, 2021 at a rate of \$16.04 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. New Hire – JDC

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the hire of Octavia A. Lockett at the Lowndes County Juvenile Detention Center effective March 17, 2021 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Announce Good Friday Holiday

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to observe Friday, April 2, 2021 as Good Friday Holiday; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

XII.
Jeff Smith
Supervisor District 4

A. Road Improvement Proposal

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the Road Improvement Proposal and specifically identify where funds will be coming from; Second by Supervisor Brooks.

Supervisor Brooks amended the above motion to authorize the Road Department to conduct work on roads and give an estimate; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Sanders opposed).

B. Revitalization Plan – Eastbrooke Apartments

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the Resolution Eastbrooke Apartments Revitalization Plan; Seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.
Leroy Brooks
Supervisor District 5

A. County Mask Mandate

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to extend the County Mask Mandate until the end of April 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Hairston opposed).

XIV.
Roger Short
Lowndes County Recreation Director

A. Permission to Reopen Community Centers

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow the Lowndes Recreation Department to reopen Community Centers on Monday, March 15, 2021 and follow all recommended CDC, Mississippi State Department of Health and local regulations and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XV.
Board Members & Board Attorney

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to amend the agenda to add the Redistricting Proposal selection; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept Slaughter and Associates Redistricting Proposal; Second by Supervisor Sanders.

Supervisor Brooks made a substitute motion to accept PDD's Redistricting Proposal; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote: Supervisors Brooks voting yea; Supervisors Sanders, Hairston and Holliman opposing; Supervisor Smith abstaining. Motion did not pass.

Original Motion by Supervisor Hairston to accept Slaughter and Associates Redistricting Proposal; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to adjourn until Monday, April 5th, 2021;
seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.



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TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

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