

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

APRIL 5TH 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 5TH, day of April 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, Jeff Smith, Supervisor District 4
- 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
LEROY BROOKS
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5

- A. Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt the Proclamation and recognize the week of April 11-17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

III
BOARD MINUTES

- A. Approve March 15th, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve March 15th, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

IV
Lloyd Price
Lowndes County CFO

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending March 31, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending March 31, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. February 2021 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the February 2021 Financials; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Surplus

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list, which includes stolen items with police report; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

V.
Sarah Barnes for Pat Tuggle
Lowndes County Purchasing Clerk

- A. Permission to advertise Asphalt Overlay, Surfacing Treatment and Road Striping – 2021 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to grant permission to advertise 2021 Road Plan Asphalt Overlay, Road Surfacing Treatment; and Road Striping; Second by Supervisor Smith Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

VI.
Jarius Chatman
Lowndes County Address Coordinator

- A. New (Private) Road – Abbey Road District 1

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept Abbey Road as a Private Road; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein).

VII.
Neil Austin
Lowndes County EMA

- A. Update grant for cameras - no action taken.

VIII.
Cindy E. Goode
Lowndes County Chancery Clerk

- A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the following Surety Bonds: Lauren Jackson Rhea as Appointed Deputy Training Officer; Tammy Godfrey as Appointed Administrative Assistant; Glenda G. Cummings as Administrative Clerk; Robert Ryan Rickert as Deputy Sheriff; Treddis Darnell Anderson as Appointed Reserve Deputy Sheriff; and Lisa Lockhart as Assistant Receiving Clerk; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Homestead Exemption Rejects

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Homestead disagreement objection forms. Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0 (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Sheriff's Report

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of February 2021, in the amount of \$6,904.53; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein).

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

- A. Approve Local Match – ARC Project Application for Emergency Access Road – G.T. Industrial Park

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Resolution Authorizing Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to commit local funds of at least \$300,000.00 to the total cost of the project contingent upon approval of said grant application by the Appalachian Regional Commission; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Rail Spur Extension

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the extension of the Rail Spur contract April 2021 until October 2021, a period of 6 months; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

- C. Approval of Invoices

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes invoices of Phillips Contracting \$197,101.49 and Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. \$2,930.55; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

X.
Meryl Fisackerly
LCIDA
Dan Drengler
International Paper

- A. Update on Industrial Park Drive – no action taken

XI.
Bob Calvert
Lowndes County Engineer

- A. Caledonia Water Utility Permit – Henry Wells Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Caledonia Water Utility Permit for $\frac{3}{4}$ water service line along Henry Wells Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Confederate Monument Contracts – no action taken.

- C. Hughes Road-Frisco Rail Crossing MDOT Signage – discussion only, no action taken.

XII.
Eddie Hawkins
Lowndes County Sheriff

A. New Hires (2) – Adult Detention Officers

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve Ethan Conner Montgomery as Detention Officer effective 29 March 2021 at a rate of \$13.42 per hour and Kendra Lamae Ferguson as Detention Officer effective 5 April 2021 at a rate of \$13.42 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. New Hire – Deputy for Justice Court

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the hire of Keith Wade Vann as Deputy Sheriff – Justice Court at a rate of \$17.50 per hour effective 25 March 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Employee Purchase of Service Weapon

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Retiree Chad Waltman, to purchase his service weapon for \$10.00, upon service weapon declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIII.
Ronnie Burns
Lowndes County Road Manager

A. Personnel

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the promotion of Mike Perrigan as District Foreman effective 6 April 2021 at a rate of \$18.94 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the hire of Hunter Griffin as Crewmember effective 6 April 2021 at a rate of \$14.60 per hour and Lashaunta Boler & Amber Blunt as Litter Control Crewmembers both effective 6 April 2021 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour with a 6 month probationary period; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes Board reports for March 2021 and work schedule for April 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

XIV.
Jay Fisher
Lowndes County Administrator

A. Announce Board Appointments

1. Community Counseling
2. CVB
3. Port Authority (2)
4. TRVWMD

Supervisor Brooks opened the nominations for Community Counseling Board and recommended Ralph Billingsley.

Supervisor Sanders nominated Christina Shumpert.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to close nominations for Community Counseling Board; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Supervisor Sanders made motion to appoint Christina Shumpert to Community Counseling Board; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 3-2 (Smith & Brooks abstained)

After discussion, Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Brooks changed their vote to Yea for Shumpert's appointment to Community Counseling Board.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to appoint Joe Beckett to the CVB Board a 3 year term expiring 1 February 2024; Justin Shelton to the Port Authority Board (District 4) a 4 year term ending 31 March 2025; Willie Jones to the Port Authority Board (District 5) a 4 year term ending 31 March 2025; and Joe Brooks to the TRVWMD Board a 4 year term expiring 31 March 2025; seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Brooks abstained)

B. Set Planning Session for Sportsplex – 3 May

Planning session for Sportsplex to follow Board Meeting 3 May 2021.

C. Change June Board Meeting Date

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to move the board meeting date from Tuesday, 15 June 2021 to Monday, 14 June 2021, due to the MAS conference scheduled for 14-17 June 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

D. Set Trust Committee Meeting

Trust Committee Meeting set for 7 June 2021, after the Board Meeting.

E. Set Property Public Hearing – 44 Suggs Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to set the Property Public Hearing for 44 Suggs Road on 17 May 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

F. Proposed New County Logo

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the new County Logo; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XV.
Board Members & Board Attorney**

Supervisor Holliman presented the Board with a Petition signed by landowners on Moore Drive.

Supervisor Brooks made a motion to make a finding that flooding is damaging Moore Drive and in need of repairs subject to the findings of elevations; Second by Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

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

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to recess until Thursday, April 15th, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.





TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President



Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk