

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LOWNDES

May 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

MINUTE BOOK 372

**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 17<sup>TH</sup>, day of May 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Community Counseling Representatives**  
**Keenyn Wald and Board Member**  
**Christina Shumpert**

Annual update; Mental Health Awareness Month.

**IV**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. April 2021 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes April 2021 financials; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Meryl Fisackerly**  
**Vice President**  
**Golden Triangle Development Link**

- A. Budget Request for Professional Services

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the increase of \$25,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year for professional services; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

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

A. Approval of ARC Grant Application

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the ARC Grant application \$2,475,000.00 total project, \$500,000.00 ARC Grant, \$1,675,000.00 appropriation from State of Mississippi; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY HEARING**  
**44 SUGGS ROAD**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to open the Public Hearing for Property located at 44 Suggs Road. Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Roosevelt Poindexter, son of property owner Eugene Poindexter.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to close the Public Hearing. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Smith based on a finding that property located at 44 Suggs Road is a menace, health and safety concern to surrounding property owners, the Board will grant Mr. Poindexter an additional 30 days to clean property and Mr. Poindexter is to continue to keep property cleaned; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**VII.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Utility Permit CSPIRE – Artesia Road, Hardy Billups Road & Gilmer-Wilburn Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the CSPIRE Utility Permit for a fiber along Industrial Park Road, Artesia Road, Hardy Billups Road and Gilmer-Wilburn Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Change Order No. 1 Soccer Exercise Trail

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Change Order No. 1 Soccer Exercise Trail; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

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

A. Surety Bond

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes surety bond for Michael Coleman Stapp as Appointed Assistant Receiving Clerk; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein).

B. Justice Court Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Justice Court interest for the month of April 2021 for \$21.93; Criminal Collections \$124,517.25 and Civil Collections \$19,183.00 for the month of April 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 4-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein).

C. Sheriff's Reports

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Sheriff's Report for the month of April 2021 \$7,236.71; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein).

D. Unclaimed money

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to accept into the General Fund unclaimed funds from previous Chancery Clerk Land Redemption Account \$2,579.80; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**IX.**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. April 2021 Meal Log

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

**X.**  
**Roger Short**  
**Lowndes County Recreation Director**

A. Permission to hire Summer Day Camp workers

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Recreation Director to hire 4 Summer Day Camp workers at the rate of \$9.00/hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**XI.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. New Hire – Veterans Service Officer position

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Erica Duran as Veterans Service Officer Trainee at \$18.00 an hour. She will be full time at 40 hours per week, beginning July 1, 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Continuing Disclosure for County Debt

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to spread on the minutes County Debt Disclosure; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Authorize Opening of New Account for Funds

No action taken.

D. Trustmark Request for Interest-Only Account

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to open an additional Interest-Only account for the Fitness Trail project; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**XII.**  
**Tim Hudson - Board Attorney**  
**Leroy Brooks Supervisor District 5**

A. Leroy Brooks - Sportsplex discussion

B. Tim Hudson – update lawsuit regarding communications contract with Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Board Attorney to file an answer on behalf of Sheriff's Department and Lowndes County, Ms.; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to recess until Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021;  
seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.



*Trij Hairston*  
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TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

ATTEST:

*Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk*  
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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk