

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 28, 2019 - 4:30 PM

Call To Order

Commissioners Present:
Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vlce Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Clay Griner

Chairman Slaughter called the work session to order at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation

Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

Minutes For Approval

The minutes were presented the for the work session of May 13, 2019, and the regular session of May 14, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

Appointment

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated a vacancy exists due to a resignation. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mrs. Berinda Nwakamma has expressed a desire to serve. Mrs. Nwakamma addressed the Commission stating she has been a social worker for twelve years and feels she has something to offer based on her experience. The Commission thanked Mrs. Nwakamma for her willingness to serve.

Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Commissioner Joyce Evans has served on the board for many years, adding her current term will expire June 30. Chairman Slaughter stated he has spoken with Commissioner Evans and she has agreed to continue to serve, but is also supportive of anyone else on the Commission that might also be interested.

Public Hearing

TWR-2019-01 Value Concepts, Inc., US Hwy 84 E. E-A, New 300' Telecommunications Tower

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to construct a 300' telecommunications tower. Mrs. Stevenson further stated staff has obtained the documentation the Commission requested from stake holders with the FAA and Moody Air Force Base. In addition, the Planning Commission voted in favor of the request and there were no objectionable comments from the TRC.

For Consideration

Motorola Support Agreement

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented an agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$59,412.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the agreement provides for the support and maintenance of Offendertrak and the Oracle data base used by the Lowndes County Jail from July 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020.

Lease Agreement for Sheriff's Office Laptops

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$130,350.51, to lease laptops to serve as in-car computers for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Kostyu stated the terms of the lease require three annual payments of \$43,178.61. Mr. Kostyu further stated since tablets were originally budgeted, the cost savings will provide for the purchase of ten hand-held units used to write citations.

Beer and Wine License - Mohammad Zahid of M & H Food Stop Inc. DBA M & H Food Stop - 8235 Hwy. 122 W., Hahira, GA

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Mrs. Black stated the request is due to the opening of a new business, adding all requirements have been met. Ms. Black further stated the location previously operated as Little River Groceries.

Extension of Corrections Software Solutions Probation Tracking System Agreement

Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the item. Mrs. Rountree stated Probation needs to move to a more permanent software solution, adding the current vendor has offered a contract extension to address the change to the new vendor. Mrs. Rountree stated approval of the letter drafted by the County Attorney will provide for an extension expected to be no more than ninety days at a cost of \$1,448.00 per month.

Pronto Software for Probation Monitoring and Tracking of Probationer Compliance.

Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the item. Mrs. Rountree stated Pronto Software is the new software vendor recommended by staff. Mrs. Rountree further stated the vendor requires a one-time set up fee of \$3,500.00 and a monthly fee of \$1,320.00. Commissioner Griner asked if the monthly cost is based on the number of probationers. Mrs. Rountree replied that the cost is based on the number of personnel using the system, instead of the number of probationers.

Agreement from Life Hope Labs for 2019 Lab Services Price List for Drug Test Confirmations and Drug/Alcohol Supplies

Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the item. Mrs. Rountree stated the price list before the Commission represents the cost of testing for probationers, adding there is no cost to the county since the probationers pay for their own testing. Commissioner Marshall asked if a local lab could handle the testing. Mrs. Rountree stated staff could see what is available, adding not every test is confirmed by the lab. Commissioner Marshall asked if a probationer could dispute the results, to which Mrs. Rountree replied the disputed tests are the tests sent off to the lab for additional confirmation. Chairman Slaughter stated that a local lab would follow the same protocol. Commissioner Griner asked Mrs. Rountree to confirm that the individual pays the cost of the testing, to which Mrs. Rountree replied yes.

Standard Utility Agreement/Preliminary Engineering Agreement

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the updated agreement in the amount of \$49,270.00, between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation is required for the CR 274/Lake Park Bellville Road project, adding GDOT will bear one-hundred percent of the cost.

Reports - County Manager

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss pending litigation. At 4:46 p.m., Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session as requested, Commissioner Orestein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing To Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address

Adjournment

Chairman Slaughter called the work session back to order at 5:01 p.m. No further discussion took place. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session as requested.