

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, July 8, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Clay Griner was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 24, 2019, and the regular session of June 25, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Keep Lowndes Valdosta Beautiful (KLVB)

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Greg Powell expired June 30, 2019. Mr. Pritchard further stated both Mrs. Victoria Osteen and Mrs. Kelisa Brown have expressed an interest in serving. Chairman Slaughter stated he spoke with Mr. Powell and that his reason for ending his service is due to the term limits placed on KLVB board member appointments.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA)

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. Paul Alvarado expired July 1, 2019, and the seat held by Mr. John McCall will expire on August 28, 2019. Mr. Pritchard stated both Mr. Alvarado and Mr. McCall have expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Marshall questioned the length of service of both appointees. Chairman Slaughter stated he believes both gentlemen have served at least three terms. Commissioner Marshall asked if there are any professional field requirements to fill certain demographics on the ZBOA, to which Chairman Slaughter replied no. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if there are term limits on the ZBOA, to which Chairman Slaughter replied no.

Lowndes County Library Board

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Ms. Melinda Taylor expired June 30, 2019. Mr. Pritchard further stated Ms. Taylor does not wish to be reappointed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Case REZ-2019-09 Mark Courson, 5761 Long Pond Rd. (0221A-063C) R-1 to R-10, County Water/Sewer, ~1.0 acre

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented a request to rezone a one acre parcel so that it may be divided into two parcels for the purpose of developing two, half acre residential lots. Mrs. Stevenson stated R-10 zoning is in place to north, east and west of the subject property. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the TRC had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with one condition. Mrs. Stevenson added there were two residents that spoke against the matter at the Planning Commission meeting regarding a possible negative impact on area lakes and the fear multifamily housing might be developed. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if the Commission could place conditions on the request, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes.

Rezoning Case REZ-2019-10 Ballard, Madison Hwy (0097-032) E-A to C-C and R-A, County Water and Septic, ~4.1 acres

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone for the purpose of establishing a boat trailer repair business and a home. Mrs. Stevenson stated the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the TRC had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Rezoning Case REZ-2019-11 Stewart, 4151 Stewart Circle R-1 to C-H, County Water and Sewer, ~12.911 acres

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone the property for the purpose of developing a new metal panel and supplies company. Mrs. Stevenson stated staff had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Mrs. Stevenson further stated staff received two letters of support from surrounding property owners, adding the area is trending commercial. Mrs. Stevenson added one neighbor spoke at the Planning Commission meeting to question the level of noise the business would produce. Chairman Slaughter asked if the location was the former home of Stewart Fertilizer, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Agreement with Cornerstone

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that as a part of Lowndes County's ongoing support for Moody Air Force Base, a contract between Cornerstone and the county has been prepared for consideration. Mr. Pritchard stated Cornerstone will be available to assist

with information related to matters that might impact Moody as well as providing information on other federal matters that might impact the county.

Reports - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.