

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of November 11, 2019, and the regular meeting of November 12, 2019. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Addition to Basic Decorative Street Lighting District - Phase V, Creekside West Subdivision (GA Hwy 122) and Phase II, Quarterman Estates Subdivision (Whitewater Rd.)**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to add both subdivisions as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-15 Hogan Property, US Hwy 41 S. & Wellman Pl. E-A/R-1/M-1 to M-2, Well & Septic, ~7.01 acres Districts 3 & 4**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone so that the property conforms to ULDC requirements.

No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request with the condition that the use of the property be limited to the principal use of a salvage yard and accessory uses incidental and subordinate to such a facility, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-16 Bailey, 6529 Skipper Bridge Rd. 0067-079 E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, 2.5 acres Districts 2 & 5**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-17 Quillian Powell, 2686 Loch Laurel Rd. R-1 to E-A, Well & Septic, ~78.92 acres Districts 3 & 5**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Ms. Stevenson stated staff has not received any comments from residents in the area, adding staff has no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. All in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-18 Davis, 2180 New Statenville Hwy. 0188 167G & 0188 172 E-A & R-1 to R1, Well & Septic, ~13.73 acres Districts 3 & 4**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone for residential use. No one spoke for or against the request. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adoption of the 2020 - 2021 Budget Calendar**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black informed the Commission that budget packages have been forwarded to departments and agencies. Ms. Black further stated that while the budget must be balanced and approved by June 1, other dates are flexible. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the budget calendar, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Beer license - Kalpeshkumar Patel of Omni K Corp., DBA Eagle Food Mart - 4952 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the applicant is requesting a license for the sale of beer for consumption off premise due to a change in ownership. Ms. Black further stated all requirements have been met. Commissioner

Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Francis Lake Lift Station Pump**

Chairman Slaughter stated the matter has been resolved and does not need to be considered.

### **Termination of Lease - Public Defender**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a request to terminate the lease agreement between Lowndes County and IDP South Patterson Street, LLC, for property located at 106 South Patterson Street. Mr. Pritchard stated the Public Defender's Offices have been relocated into the new building, adding the space is no longer needed. Commissioner Griner made a motion to terminate the lease, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Hahira Extraterritorial Water and Sewer Service Extensions**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that in accordance with the Special Settlement Provisions of the Lowndes County Service Delivery Strategy Agreement effective July 1, 2008, Hahira is requesting to serve 59.627 acres on the south side of Hahira. Mr. Pritchard further stated the property was annexed into the City of Hahira by Mayor and Council on November 7, 2019. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **2020 Holiday Schedule**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the schedule. Mr. Beals stated the holidays have been prepared in accordance with Lowndes County's personnel policy. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the schedule, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Section 125 Plan Document Renewal for 2020**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the plan provides for qualifying employee deductions to be withheld pretax. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **2020 Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$182,971.00, to include discounts and safety credits that reduce the annual premium to \$165,229.00. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the renewal, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Approval of the 2020 Commission Meeting Calendar**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the calendar. Mr. Pritchard stated staff took into consideration annual holidays and the ACCG Annual Training Conference when preparing the calendar. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the calendar as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court- State Court**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated State Court has received supplemental grant funds for DUI Court, that require a \$2,035.00 match from Lowndes County. Mr. Pritchard further stated the funds are allocated for the purpose of paying the programs surveillance officer. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the funding as requested, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Icon Jury Software Agreements for the Lowndes County Clerk of Court**

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the agreement required as a follow up to a previous funding approval in the amount of \$53,350.00, for jury software for the Clerk of Superior Court. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Modification of Remerton's Use of SPLOST VI Proceeds**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that the SPLOST VI Referendum approved in 2007 included construction and relocation of Remerton municipal offices in and to the Remerton Mill building which has been demolished. Mr. Pritchard further stated a proposed Resolution of the Board of Commissioners calling for modification is ready for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Reports - County Manager**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, expressed his appreciation for the hard work demonstrated by Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, and her staff during the holiday season with regards to the Christmas decorations on the historic courthouse square and other county facilities. Chairman Slaughter echoed Mr. Pritchard's comments on behalf of the Commission.

### **Citizens Wishing to Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address**

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, thanked Lowndes County Code Enforcement for cleaning up an issue at Flying J in Lake Park and addressed the Commission regarding the development of a Troopville River Camp.

Steve Parker, 4474 Green Island Road, addressed the Commission regarding his concerns related to expansion of the Lowndes County Fire Rescue.

**ADJURNMENT**

Chairman Slaughter thanked everyone for a great year. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 6:04 p.m.