

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, March 9, 2020

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 work session to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 24, 2020, and the regular session of February 25, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Frank Morman's term on the authority has expired and Mr. Morman is not interested in being reappointed. Mr. Pritchard further stated, Mr. Michael Thomas has expressed an interest in serving.

South Georgia Community Service Board

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the term of Mrs. Cindy Vickery has expired, adding Mrs. Vickery would like to continue to serve.

Lownde County Library Board

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. Barry Barr has expired and he cannot continue to serve due to term limits in the board's bylaws. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mr. Dwayne Johnson has expressed an interest in serving. Chairman Slaughter stated Mr. Johnson is very capable and his interest is appreciated.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way - Hart Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission determined on February 10, 2020, that the unopened right of way has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the county road system is in

the best public interest. Mr. Fletcher further stated the request has been appropriately advertised and remains ready for consideration.

REZ-2020-03 Wetherington Property, Val Del Rd. R-A to P-D, County Water and Sewer, ~72.54 acres Districts 2 and 5

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated the applicant would like to rezone so that the property can be developed at a greater density than the current zoning classification will allow. Mrs. Amiot further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments

FOR CONSIDERATION

Solicitor-General's Office 2020 VAWA Grant Award Activation

Solicitor-General Justo Cabral, presented the item. Mr. Cabral stated his office has been approved to receive \$50,000.00, in federal funds, adding the grant cycle is a four year period with continuation funding required annually. Mr. Cabral further stated the cash match required by the county is \$19,167.00.

Accept Gaines Lane Quit-Claim Deeds and add into the County Road Inventory for Maintenance

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated that Lowndes County has received signed Quit Claim deeds for Gaines Lane, a private dirt road. Mr. Fletcher stated that upon acceptance of the deeds, Lowndes County will add Gaines Lane into the county road inventory for maintenance. Mr. Fletcher added staff is seeking direction from the Commission with regards to moving forward.

Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the county has negotiated the purchase of right of way for property numbers 24, 25, 29 and 38. Mr. Fletcher further stated the purchase prices and terms of the acquisitions remain before the Commission for consideration as required by law.

Abandoned Mobile Homes

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the Abandoned Mobile Home Act authorizes the Commission to appoint a local government agent to determine the condition of abandoned mobile homes in order for them to be removed or restored. Mr. Pritchard further stated staff would like to recommend Code Enforcement Director, Mindy Bates, be appointed as Lowndes County's, local government agent.

BID

Bid for a 3,000 Gallon Tanker for the Fire Department

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Mrs. Black stated Lowndes County solicited bids for the purchase of a 3,000 gallon tanker with Innovative Fire Group submitting the low bid in the amount of \$399,414.00. Mrs. Black further stated the low bidder offered a discount if payment was made upon order, adding the discount will bring the total cost down to \$388,355.00.

Request to Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Mrs. Black stated Lowndes County Fire Rescue solicited pricing from vendors for the purchase of 14 sets of turnout gear for firefighters with Ten-8 Fire Equipment submitting the lowest price in the amount of \$28,327.04.

REPORTS - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:51 a.m.