

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION,
Monday, August 10, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 27, 2020 and the regular session of July 28, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2020-07 The Scruggs Company, 4621 Old US 41 N. R-1 To M-1, Well and Septic, 5.9 Acres

Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item, to rezone portions of the subject properties from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Light Manufacturing (M-1). The general motivation in this case is primarily to include the previously conveyed easement portion of map & parcel 0053 106. Mr. Dillard stated staff finds the request inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, but staff believes the continued operation of the Scruggs Company at this location and its impact on future growth in the area satisfy goal five of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dillard further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments. Chairman Slaughter asked if the existing residential house located on the property would remain, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the Scruggs Company owned the house, Mr. Dillard responded yes.

REZ-2020-08 Copeland Property Tucker Road and Johnson Road South E-A To R-A, County Water and Septic, ~6.07 Acres

Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item, to rezone in order to subdivide approximately 6.07 acres and deed a portion to a family member. Mr. Dillard stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this property backed up to Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), Mr. Dillard responded yes.

REZ-2020-09 Richard Hill, Old Clyattville Rd. E-A To R-A, Well and Septic, ~24.46 Acres

Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item, to subdivide the property into seven lots for single-family dwellings, varying in size from 2.75 acres to 4.5 acres, with road frontage. Mr. Dillard further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

TWR-2020-01 Verizon Wireless, Old State Road 0258-003, E-A, New ~165' Monopole

Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, stated this sight has been selected to install a new 165 ft. monopole, non-lighted tower, which will fill a gap in the existing coverage area north of Naylor and south of Lakeland. This monopole will help with 911 calls and additional carriers may use it to fill gaps in their service. Mr. Dillard stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Adoption of Millage Rate

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the millage rate is scheduled to be set at 10.851 mills with the County receiving 8.601 mills, the Industrial Authority receiving 1.00 mill and the Parks and Recreation Authority receiving 1.25 mills. Ms. Black stated this represents a reduction of 0.087 mills. The required public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the commission had to roll back, to which Ms. Black responded that a change would require that the commission re-advertise and hold three public hearings, delaying the setting of the millage, which would include three public hearings. Chairman Slaughter stated a decision would need to be made by tomorrow's meeting.

BID

Ridgecrest, Woodland and Glenview Paving & Drainage Project

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated bids were solicited for Ridgecrest Street, Woodland Drive and Glenview Drive grading, drainage, base and paving. Ridgecrest Street and Woodland Drive will consist of grading, drainage, base and paving and the installation of a box culvert under Glenview Drive. Mr. Fletcher stated three bids were received with Reames and Son Construction submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$899,744.40.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, reminded the commission of the Millage Public Hearing tomorrow, August 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the commission chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:40 a.m.