

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 26, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 12, 2021, and the regular session of July 13, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer and Wine License - Roger S. George with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., DBA Cracker Barrel #89 - 4914 Timber Dr., Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this item is for the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. DBA Cracker Barrel #89, located in Lake Park, Georgia to request a license to sell beer and wine for consumption on premise.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Easement Documents for Hightower Road, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County needs 3.07 acres of right of way for the Hightower Road / Cooper Road, TSPLOST Paving Project owned by the United States of America, as described in the attached easement. The temporary easement is valid for five years.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Program Renewal, HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$806,342.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal before the Commission includes safety credits in the amount of \$47,173.00, and dividend credits in the amount of \$89,947.00. Additionally, Mr. Beals stated the renewal amount decreased approximately by \$12,000.00, from last year. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the amount being approved is \$806,342.00, Mr. Beals responded yes.

Annual Contract Renewal, Georgia Department of Corrections - Prison Work Details, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$147,954.00, with the

Georgia Department of Corrections for three prison work details. Mrs. Cumbus stated two of the details will be assigned to the Public Works Department for easement maintenance and one will be used by the Engineering Department for storm water management efforts. Mrs. Cumbus stated if no work is performed, no payment is due.

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented a contract between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University in the amount of \$52,132.50, for the annual trapping and testing of mosquitoes.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Tiffany Linkswiler, with the Board of Elections office, her husband passed away last night and to please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of attorney-client communication regarding pending or potential litigation. At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of a privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session, no additional information was discussed. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:00 a.m.