

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, 8:30 a.m.  
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**
4. **Recognition Of Lowndes County Fire Rescue Firefighter Jacob Whiting (Work Session)**
5. **Medical First Responders License Recognition With SGMC Emergency Medical Services And Lowndes County Fire Rescue (Regular Session)**
6. **Minutes For Approval**
  - a. Work Session - June 27, 2022 & Regular Session - June 28, 2022
7. **Appointments**
  - a. Hospital Authority Of Valdosta And Lowndes County  
  
Documents:  
  
[HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF VALDOSTA AND LOWNDES COUNTY APPOINTMENTS.PDF](#)
8. **Public Hearing**
  - a. REZ-2022-13 Hunter Property, Madison Hwy, E-A To C-C, County Water & Septic, ~7ac  
  
Documents:  
  
[REZ-2022-13 HUNTER PROPERTY, MADISON HWY, E-A TO C-C.PDF](#)
  - b. REZ-2022-14 Ben Beasley, River Rd. R-21 To R-A, County Water & Septic, ~13acres  
  
Documents:  
  
[REZ-2022-14 BEN BEASLEY, RIVER RD. R-21 TO R-A.PDF](#)
9. **For Consideration**

a. Annual Contract Renewal For Mosquito Identification And Testing

Documents:

[ANNUAL CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR MOSQUITO IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING ..PDF](#)

b. Acceptance Of FY23 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Documents:

[ACCEPTANCE OF FY23 JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT.PDF](#)

c. Abandonment Of A Portion Of Boring Pond Lane

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BORING POND LANE.PDF](#)

10. **Reports - County Manager**

11. **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name And Address**

12. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/Reappointing Members

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The term of Dr. Brian Griner on the Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County will expire on August 1, 2022. The Authority has submitted the names of Dr. Brian Griner, Mr. Bo Lovein, and Mrs. Suzanne Mathis for consideration. They have all expressed an interest in serving on the Authority.

The term of Dr. John Roan on the Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County will expire on August 1, 2022. The Authority has submitted the names of Dr. John Roan, Mr. Hayden Hancock, and Mrs. Suzanne Mathis for consideration. They have all expressed an interest in serving on the Authority.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/Reappoint Members  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2022-13 Hunter Property, Madison Hwy, E-A to C-C, County  
Water & Septic, ~7ac

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- ( ) Annual
- ( ) Capital
- (X) N/A
- ( ) SPLOST
- ( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2022-13 Hunter Property, Madison Hwy, E-A to C-C, County Water &  
Septic, ~7ac

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from Estate Agricultural (E-A) zoning to Crossroads Commercial (C-C) zoning. The general motivation, in this case, is for the development of approximately two acres of the subject property for "future commercial use," per the letter of intent. The subject property possesses road frontage on Madison Hwy, a State maintained minor arterial road. Concerning the Comprehensive Plan Future Development Map the subject property is in the Urban Service Area and depicted as an Agricultural/Forestry Character Area. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance, C-C zoning is listed as a recommended zoning within an Agriculture/Forestry Character Area.

In addition to the above information, the following factors should also be considered: 1) the commercial zoning to the north and south, 2) the frontage on an arterial road; access should be discussed with GA DOT 3) and the subject property's service by County water.

The TRC considered the request and had no objectionable comments given the speculative nature, and if approved, a more detailed analysis of commercial plans would be required. Additionally, staff finds the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and existing land-use patterns of the area, and the Planning Commission recommends approval (7-0).

[Typical traffic flow capacity of an arterial road is greater than 6,000 AADT. Per the GDOT Annual Average Daily Traffic \(AADT\) is the average number of vehicles that pass by a counter during a 24-hour period in a certain year.](http://www.dot.ga.gov/informationcenter/statistics/Documents/AADTDefinitions.pdf)

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- OPTIONS: 1) Approve  
2) Approve with Conditions  
3) Table  
4) Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2022-14 Ben Beasley, River Rd. R-21 to R-A, County Water  
& Septic, ~13acres

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2022-14 Ben Beasley, River Rd. R-21 to R-A, County Water & Septic,  
~13acres

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This request represents a change in zoning on a portion of the subject property from R-21 (Medium Density Residential) to R-A (Residential Agricultural) zoning. The original parcel was 17 acres and includes two existing residential dwellings that were subdivided into a 1-acre and 3-acre tract earlier this month. If approved, the applicant intends to utilize Family Ties and further subdivide the ~13-acre tract to create up to 5 additional lots. Per ULDC Section 4.04.04 "Lots created as a result of the Family Ties Land Division are exempt from the subdivision standards set forth in Section 4.04.00, the water/sewer connection requirements in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6, and the platting requirements set forth in Chapter 10, provided that the lots are conveyed to a grandparent, parent, spouse, stepparent, adopted parent, sibling, child, stepchild, adopted child, or grandchild of the owner(s) of the parcel to be divided (parent parcel)."

The subject property is in the Urban Service Area and Suburban Area Character Area, and possesses road frontage on River Rd., a county maintained local road. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance, Suburban Character Areas are predominantly focused on moderate density with a greater focus on Traditional Neighborhood Development, though R-A zoning is listed as a permitted zoning within a Suburban Area Character Area.

In addition to the above information, the following factors should be considered: 1) The various residential zoning districts that dominate the area, 2) the existing rural character of the property, 3) the use of family ties to divide the subject property, and 4) the requirement to connect to county water.

The TRC considered the request and had no technical objections, and staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission had questions regarding the Family Ties provisions of the ULDC and the timeframe in which lots are to be conveyed, ultimately recommending approval (4-3).

- OPTIONS: 1) Approve  
2) Approve with Conditions  
3) Table  
4) Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$54,079.73

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The current contract with Valdosta State University is up for renewal. The contract service includes trapping, identification and testing of mosquitoes. The data collected will be used by Lowndes County to help reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Robin Cumbus

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:



LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY23 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work  
Session/Regular  
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$195,372 in CJCC Funding. All expenditures are reimbursed 100% so Lowndes County does not have to budget any funds towards this project.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- (X) CJCC Funding - \$195,372
- ( ) Capital
- ( ) N/A
- ( ) SPLOST
- ( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY 2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: At the Regular Session Meeting on April 26, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the grant application and authorized staff to submit a funding proposal to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) on behalf of the Lowndes County Juvenile Court for the FY2023 grant cycle. This additional funding will be used to continue providing diversionary programs which were started in FY2014. As part of the application process, the Board of Commissioners entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence Based Associates (EBA) to utilize their services if funding for programs was awarded. Lowndes County was recently notified that their application had been selected for funding. EBA has submitted a service agreement which outlines the scope of work they will provide as well as administrative procedures such as billing. Upon approval of this agreement EBA will continue providing Functional Family Therapy Services to Lowndes County youths referred through the Lowndes County Juvenile Court system. Along with the Service Agreement, the Award Packet must be executed in order for the grant to be officially activated. For FY2023 Lowndes County was awarded \$195,372.00, in funding for these program services. This will allow the Court to provide services to 36 Lowndes County youths and their families. This grant program requires no matching funds on the part of Lowndes County but is funded on a reimbursement basis.

- OPTIONS: 1. Accept FY 2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant and authorize Chairman and staff to execute the Award Packet to include Service Agreement with Evidence Based Associates.  
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of a Portion of Boring Pond Lane

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of a portion of Boring Pone Lane

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In 2019, Lowndes County completed the paving of the Boring Pond Lane project. As part of the project, the new right-of-way was designed to remove two ninety degree turns. The portions of the former road right-of-way highlighted in yellow on the attached drawings are not part of the new right of way. For a section of a county road to be abandoned, Georgia statute requires an initial determination either (a) "that the section of the county road system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it" or (b) "that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest," or both. If the Board makes either or both of these determinations, the statute provides for notice to adjoining property owners, notice to the public by newspaper publication, and a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Board "may declare that section of the county road system abandoned."

- OPTIONS: 1. Determine (a) that the highlighted section of the county road system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it, or (b) that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, or both.
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: