

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 11, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

Recognition of Lowndes County Fire Rescue Firefighter Jacob Whiting (Work Session)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, recognized Jacob Whiting, a firefighter with Lowndes County Fire Rescue for helping a citizen in need. On June 30th, while off-duty, Mr. Whiting witnessed a vehicle accident in which the occupant was trapped. Mr. Whiting stopped and rendered aid until EMS arrived on scene. Mrs. Dukes stated firefighter Whiting is the standard that we strive to have every day and thanked him for his service.

MINUTES

Work Session - June 27, 2022 & Regular Session - June 28, 2022

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 27, 2022 and the regular session of June 28, 2022. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointments. Mrs. Dukes stated Dr. Brian Griner's term will expire August 1, 2022. Mrs. Dukes stated the names of Dr. Brian Griner, Mr. Bo Lovein and Mrs. Suzanne Mathis have been submitted by the Hospital Authority and all have expressed a desire to serve. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated Dr. John Roan's term will expire August 1, 2022. Mrs. Dukes stated the names of Dr. John Roan, Mr. Hayden Hancock and Mrs. Suzanne Mathis have been submitted and all have expressed a desire to serve. Chairman Slaughter stated Dr. Griner and Dr. Roan have been an asset to this board and the other candidates submitted are qualified as well.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated the entire tract is seven acres and approximately two acres are being requested to be rezoned. Mrs. Amiot stated this request represents a change in zoning from Estate Agricultural (E-A) zoning to Crossroad Commercial (C-C)

zoning. Mrs. Amiot stated the general motivation in this case is for the development of approximately two acres for future speculative commercial use, per the letter of intent received. Further, Mrs. Amiot stated the Planning Commission recommends approval and the TRC considered the request and had no objectionable comments and if approved, a more detailed analysis of commercial plans would be required. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated this property has frontage on Jumping Gully Road and he has heard from residents who were unaware of this rezoning due to the placement of the public notice sign on Madison Highway and suggested to table this item. Chairman Slaughter asked Mrs. Amiot if there was a requirement to put the public notice sign on Jumping Gully Road, Mrs. Amiot responded no sir, the signs are posted on the roads with the most traffic, in this case being Madison Highway. Commissioner Griner asked if any part of the two acres being rezoned were located on Jumping Gully Road, Chairman Slaughter answered yes, one side is on Jumping Gully Road.

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

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated this request represents a change in zoning on a portion of the subject property from R-21 (Medium Density Residential) to R-A (Residential Agriculture) zoning. Mrs. Amiot stated the original parcel was seventeen (17) acres and includes two existing residential dwellings that were subdivided into a one acre and three acre tract earlier this month. Mrs. Amiot stated if approved, the applicant intends to utilize Family Ties and further subdivide the ~13-acre tract to create up to five (5) additional lots. Mrs. Amiot stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no technical objections. Mrs. Amiot stated Mr. Dillard sent information regarding the history of the applicant last week. Chairman Slaughter asked if the property has been subdivided recently for Family Ties, Mrs. Amiot answered no sir, Mr. Beasley did not use Family Ties for the first two subdivisions. Mrs. Amiot stated Mr. Beasley chooses to rezone this property to further subdivide.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing

Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented an agreement in the amount of \$54,079.73, between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University for the trapping, identification and testing of mosquitoes for the purpose of monitoring the County for mosquito borne diseases. Mrs. Cumbus stated the agreement is a renewal of the current terms.

Acceptance of FY23 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item stating this is the ninth year of coming before the Commission for this grant and previously in April the application request was approved. Mr. Tye stated \$195,372.00, in grant funds have been awarded to fund programs that will serve thirty-six (36) youth and their families over the next grant cycle. Mr. Tye stated this award packet includes a service agreement with Evidence Based Associates (EBA). Chairman Slaughter asked to verify there is no funding through Lowndes County, Mr. Tye answered that is correct, this is funded on a reimbursement basis.

Abandonment of a Portion of Boring Pond Lane

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated in 2019, Lowndes County completed the paving of the Boring Pond Lane project, and as part of the new project, the new right-of-way was designed to remove two ninety-degree turns.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:44 a.m.