

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, August 8, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
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 July 25, 2022 and the regular session of July 26, 2022. No changes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2022-09 Flannigan, James Rd. R-1 to C-G, Water/Sewer ~7.8 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this item was heard two months ago and had been tabled at the request of the applicant. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from Low-Density Residential (R-1) zoning to General Commercial (C-G) zoning. Mr. Dillard stated there were no wetlands on the property. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant submitted a site plan to the TRC, which was reviewed and returned with comments based on the proposed uses of the property as shown. If the C-G zoning is approved, additional TRC meetings would be required before any development occurs. The Planning Commission heard this request at their May meeting and discussed the concerns of specific commercial uses versus higher density residential uses and recommended denial. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this was the same site plan presented at the TRC meeting, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Chairman Slaughter stated this is the proposed site plan, but there is nothing binding the applicant to this site plan.

FOR CONSIDERATION

State Route 122 (Highway 122) @ State Route 125 (Bemiss Road - Walkers Crossing) Roundabout Maintenance Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated this maintenance agreement includes mowing and landscaping for portions that are located in Lowndes County, once the project is complete. Commissioner Marshall asked about the rotation of the maintenance schedule, Mr. McLeod stated a schedule would be developed by staff as needed and more than likely it would be mowed at least once a month. Commissioner Marshall asked the dates to begin this project, Mr. McLeod answered he would have that information available at tomorrow night's meeting.

Chairman Slaughter mentioned he had spoken to the Chairman of Berrien County and Berrien County has an interest in working with Lowndes County to maintain this area with possible compensation required.

Vertiv Service Contract for the Liebert UPS at the 911 Center & the Four (4) Tower Sites, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the request in the amount of \$27,400.00. Mr. Weeks stated this agreement will provide maintenance and battery replacement for the 911 Center and four tower sites used by 911 operations.

Motorola SUAll (Evergreen), 911 Director, Danny Weeks presented the item stating this agreement with Motorola SUAll (Evergreen) will allow Lowndes County to maintain a current system by providing system upgrades every two years, as well as 24/7 support. Mr. Weeks stated this is a budgeted item and Lowndes County will pay Motorola a monthly amount of \$40,776.00.

Abandonment of a Portion of Boring Pond Lane, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Commission made the initial determination at the July 12, 2022 regular session meeting, adding the request remains ready for final consideration. Mr. McLeod stated this item should be listed under the 'Public Hearings' section instead of the 'For Consideration' section on the agenda.

Adopt Resolution Accepting the Water and Sewer Infrastructure for West Schoolhouse Pond Subdivision, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County is only accepting water and sewer infrastructure.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation. At 8:40 a.m. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session with no additional information being discussed. Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting.