

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 22, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Scott Orenstein and Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall were not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 8, 2024, the regular session of July 9, 2024 and the executive session meeting of July 9, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Purchase of Wetland Credits for PI#0016278 Kinderlou Clyattville Road Paving and Drainage Improvements

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented a proposal from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$10,800.00, for the purchase of wetland credits required by the Kinderlou Clyattville Road paving and drainage improvement project. Mr. McLeod stated the wetland credits are \$15,000.00 per credit and Lowndes County will need .72 wetland credits to finalize the permit. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked when are the wetland credits determined, at the time of the bid or otherwise? Mr. McLeod responded the wetland credits are determined during the environmental compliance review. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if that was after the bid process? Mr. McLeod answered typically no. Commissioner Wisenbaker mentioned his main concern was whether we were aware of the impact at the time of the project. Mr. McLeod responded yes. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify if the minimum number is applied to the whole project, rather than individual locations within the project? Mr. McLeod answered yes, that is correct. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the same was for the stream credits? Mr. McLeod answered yes.

Purchase of Stream Credits for PI#0016278, Kinderlou Clyattville Road Paving and Drainage Improvements

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County is required to purchase 32.9 stream credits as a result of the Kinderlou Clyattville Road paving and drainage improvement project. Mr. McLeod stated staff recommends the purchase of 32.9 stream credits from Georgia Alabama Land Trust, Inc. for \$1,800.00 per credit, for a total amount of

\$59,220.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked is this due to streams being decreased or damaged? Mr. McLeod answered we are impacting a stream that is crossing the road.

Vertiv Service Contract for the UPS at the 911 Center, Valdosta Tower and Clyattville Tower

911 Director, Tonya Davis, presented the request in the amount of \$21,389.90. Mrs. Davis stated this is an annual renewal of the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and this service agreement will provide maintenance and battery replacements for the 911 Center and two tower sites used by the 911 operations.

Quit-Claim Deed of Abandoned Section of Race Track Road SE

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented this item stating Southern Gateway, LLC has requested a quit claim deed for their portion of property which is on both sides of the abandoned section of road. Mr. McLeod stated the Commission abandoned a section of Race Track Road, SE west of Highway 31 on May 14, 2024.

Acceptance of FY2025 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item stating the Commission approved the application request in April 2024. Mr. Tye stated upon approval of this grant, Evidence Based Associates (EBA) will continue providing Functional Family Therapy Services to Lowndes County youth referred through the Lowndes County Juvenile Court System. Mr. Tye stated for fiscal year 2025, Lowndes County was awarded \$342,426.00, in funding for these program services, allowing the court to provide services to sixty (60) Lowndes County youths and their families. Additionally, Mr. Tye stated this is a request to accept the fiscal year 2025 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant and authorize the Chairman and staff to execute the award packet, which will include a service agreement with Evidence-Based Associates.

BID

Alterations to Lowndes County Fire Station #10

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the alterations to Station #10 include turning the existing dayroom into three (3) bedrooms and one (1) shower, remodeling the existing shower, replacing all flooring with luxury vinyl plank (LVP) and painting all interior walls. Mr. McLeod stated bids were received and opened on June 20, 2024 and one bid was received from Standard Contractors in the amount of \$362,662.00. Chairman Slaughter asked if this amount was within the projected budget? Mr. McLeod answered yes, the estimate for this project was between \$350,000.00 - \$400,000.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked for the location of Station #10? Mr. McLeod responded this location is the Fire Station Headquarters, 2981 US Hwy 84 East.

Moody Hydrant Replacement Project

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated bids were solicited to replace a quantity of forty (40) older fire hydrants at Moody Air Force Base. One bid was received from Standard Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$891,210.00. Mr. Stalvey stated due to the bid far exceeding the budgeted amount, staff recommends this bid be rejected. Commissioner Griner asked what the budget amount was for this project? Mr. Stalvey answered \$450,000.00. County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated additional conversations were had with Moody Air Force Base (AFB) and they are going back to their funding sources and a second bid will be submitted in the future.

Grassy Pond Utilities Replacement

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated bids were solicited to replace the utilities for the RV park and cabins at Grassy Pond Recreation Facility. Mr. Stalvey stated this capital project will be funded by Moody Air Force Base (AFB) through a modification to our current water and sewer contract with Moody AFB. Mr. Stalvey stated K-Dug Corporation submitted the low bid in the amount of \$995,604.00. Chairman Slaughter asked if this company has bid on other projects for Lowndes County in the past? Mr. Stalvey answered yes, they worked on the Land Application Site (LAS) expansion with clearing and grubbing. Mr. Stalvey mentioned they also do utility work and are located in Blackshear, Georgia.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Evans seconded. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.