

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, August 26, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Bill Slaughter was not present.

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 12, 2024, the special called meeting of August 12, 2024 and the regular session meeting of August 13, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

South Georgia Regional Library Board

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the seats of Mr. William Booth and Mr. William Kent have both expired. Mr. Booth has expressed a desire to continue to serve, but Mr. Kent does not want to be reappointed. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Malcolm Warren, Mr. George Foreman, Ms. Debra Carruth and Mr. Phillip Williams have all expressed a desire to serve on the library board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Basic Decorative Street Lighting Districts - The Landings, Ph. 3 and Quarterman Estates, Ph. 4

Sec. 2 County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request has been advertised as required and staff recommends approval of adding the fifty-four (54) lots of phase 3 of the Landings Subdivision and thirty-three (33) lots of phase 4, section 2 of the Quarterman Estates Subdivision into Lowndes County's basic decorative street lighting district under the Street Lighting Ordinance. Mr. Dillard stated the current charge for the basic decorative street lighting is \$61.50 per lot, per year.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Annual Contract Renewal with VSU for Mosquito Identification and Testing

Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented an agreement in the amount of \$56,197.58 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.

Annual Contract Renewal with the State of Georgia Department of Corrections

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 one (1) of the details will be assigned to the Engineering Department to meet state requirements for storm water and two (2) for the Public Works Department to maintain county-owned drainage easements. Commissioner Griner asked how many times these details were used last year? Mrs. Cumbus answered that currently Lowndes County is not using these work details since there are no qualified prisoners available and this request is to keep the contract updated and active, in the event those resources become available. Additionally, Mrs. Cumbus stated if the County does not use the details, the County is not charged. Commissioner Orenstein asked how long has it been since these details were used? Mrs. Cumbus responded two years ago. Vice Chairman Marshall asked to verify the prison work details were not being used due to being unavailable? Mrs. Cumbus responded yes, that is correct.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Orenstein seconded. Vice Chairman Marshall adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.