

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGUALR SESSION  
Tuesday, December 11, 2012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Ashley Paulk  
Vice Chairman Crawford Powell  
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans  
Commissioner Richard Raines

Chairman Paulk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Raines gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of November 12, 2012, and the regular session of November 13, 2012. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chairman Powell second.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta/Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Chairman Paulk recognized the presence of Mr. John "Mac" McCall, and thanked him for his willingness to serve. Commissioner Raines also thanked Mr. McCall for his service. Commissioner Evans made a motion to appoint Mr. McCall to fill the unexpired term of Mr. David Kirk, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**Revision to the Lowndes County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the proposed ordinance. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Solid Waste Ordinance**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Raines made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**REZ-2012-17 Lowndes Development, LLC, Davidson Rd MAZ II and MAZ III to R-10, County Water & Sewer, ~23.49 acres**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item, stating the applicant had submitted a letter indicating their wishes to

withdraw the request. Commissioner Raines made a motion to accept the withdrawal, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REZ-2012-18 Lakes Blvd., 1006 Lakes Blvd., C-C to C-H, County Water & Sewer, ~0.87 acres**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. No one spoke against the request. Janna Hancock, 4884 Highway 122 East, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant. Mrs. Hancock stated that the applicant wanted to erect a billboard and maybe build a liquor store, but had no interest in a bar or nightclub. Vice Chairman Powell stated he had addressed a lounge or bar, but not discussed a possible liquor store. Vice Chairman Powell added that he wanted to add a liquor store to the list of prohibited uses since the property is located across the street from a church. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve the request with the condition no bars, lounges, or nightclubs and no package stores be allowed on the property, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REZ-2012-19 Naylor Dollar General, US Hwy 84 East, E-A to C-G, Well & Septic, ~2 acres**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mathew Richard, 5569 Upper Grand Bay Road, spoke against the request, stating there was already a convenience store in the area. Josh Huffstetler, Tarramore Development Representative, spoke in favor of the request, stating market research indicated the area could successfully support the development. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**TXT-2012-02 MAZ II Residential Density**, Chairman Paulk stated that he wanted to correct a misprint in the Valdosta Daily Times indicating the Planning Commission took action on the issue, when the statement should have read the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber took action on the matter. Commissioner Raines made a motion to table the text amendment until a later date, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Decorative Special Tax Lighting District – Walker Run (Twin Lakes Rd) 22 lots, Decorative Special Tax Lighting District – Laurelbrooke Phase Two (Old Pine Rd) 16 lots, Decorative Special Tax Lighting District – Glen Laurel Phase II (Old Pine Rd) 30 lots, & Decorative Special Tax Lighting District – Quarterman Estates West Phase 1 (Whitewater Rd) 82 lots**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the items as one at the request of Chairman Paulk. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve all of the districts as presented, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Special Tax Lighting District Correction – River North Phase I (Shiloh Rd) 26 lots**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Commissioner Raines made a motion to approve the refunding of the difference between a decorative lighting district

and a standard lighting district from the date the error occurred, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services with Advanced Disposal Services of Central Alabama**, Development Reviewer, Kevin Beals, presented the agreement with an effective date of February 1, 2013. Commissioner Raines stated he wanted to make sure the recycling centers would remain open until the new service began. Mr. Pritchard stated the centers would remain open until February 3. Commissioner Raines made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Budget Calendar FY 2013**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the calendar. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve the calendar as presented, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the grant application in the amount of \$746,984.75, with a \$224,095.43, in-kind match to be covered by the county. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve the grant application and match, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Adopt Resolution accepting infrastructure for Ivy Gate Subdivision**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, stating the final punch list is substantially complete. Chairman Paulk stated that he had driven by the development and it looks very nice. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to adopt the infrastructure, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Funding Approval for the purchase of a new Netclock**, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the request in the amount of \$9,655.00. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Funding Approval for a new 911 Phone System and continued maintenance**, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the purchase in the amount of \$257,512.00, to be paid at a rate of \$4,651.00 per month for five years, to include an additional monthly maintenance cost of \$2,762.00, per month. Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to approve the purchase and monthly maintenance, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Chairman Paulk thanked Mr. Weeks for the tremendous job the 911 Center does, to which Mr. Weeks replied thank you.

**New Main Library – Construction Manager At Risk Selection**, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item, stating that after the presented information was scored by staff, Cauthan Construction and Quillian Powell Construction with Allstate Construction had scored equally in staff's confidence of their abilities regarding the project. Vice Chairman Powell reiterated that the selection would require no funds to be expended by the county. Mr. McLeod replied Vice Chairman Powell was correct.

Chairman Paulk added it was his understanding the library was working on alternative funding options. Commissioner Raines made a motion to select Cauthan Construction as the Construction Manager At Risk, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Refunding Revenue Bonds**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, added that the final required documents were before the Commission for consideration. Morgan Keegan Representative, Bucky Kimsey, presented the Commission with details surrounding the final terms of refunding. Mr. Kimsey praised the work of County Manager, Joe Pritchard, Finance Director, Stephanie Black and Financial Consultant, Harrison Tillman and congratulated the Commission on a savings of \$2,200,000.00. Commissioner Raines made a motion to approve the required documents and the final terms of the refunding bonds, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

**Demolition of the Courthouse Annex**, Purchasing Agent, Lisa Kahil, presented the item with Complete Demolition Services submitting the low bid in the amount of \$54,480.00. Project Manager, Chad McLeod, reported the hazmat inspector had discovered a small amount of asbestos and removal costs would add approximately \$6,000.00 to the cost of the project. Commissioner Raines made a motion to approve the low bid in the amount of \$54,480.00 as well as an additional \$6,000.00 to fund the asbestos removal, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

**CALEA Report**, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the Commission with the 911 Center's 4<sup>th</sup> award for accreditation. Mr. Weeks provided those in attendance with a synopsis of the two day, final evaluation process. Commissioner Evans stated that she was proud to have been in attendance for the presentation of the award to Mr. Weeks and his staff. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, commented that Commissioner Evans and County Clerk, Paige Dukes, had traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, to support the efforts of the Center staff. Mr. Weeks thanked his staff and stressed his appreciation for the support the Commission provides the 911 Center. Chairman Paulk stated he spent 16 years as Sheriff on the other end of the radio, adding 911 is a lifeline for the public safety community.

County Planner, Jason Davenport, reminded Chairman Paulk a public hearing was required for final approval of the Special Tax Lighting Districts. Chairman Paulk asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the districts. No one spoke for the districts. John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, stated that he was not against the districts, but he wanted to publicly state Quarterman Estates is not part of the Quarterman family. Vice Chairman Powell made a second motion approving the districts as presented, Commissioner Raines second. All voted in favor, no one against. Motion carried.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

John Gates, 4124 Conway Circle, addressed the Commission regarding his concerns related to the recent change to the solid waste management ordinance and the closing of the recycling centers.

Gretchen Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the Commission, thanking Chairman Paulk for his service. Mrs. Quarterman also stated she wished all board and authority meetings were listed on the county's website so she can view them all in one location.

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the Commission regarding his concerns related to illegal dumping and encouraged the Commission to seek more public input on issues in general.

Ken Klanicki, 2208 Jerry Jones Drive, addressed the Commission, thanking the Chairman for his service while indicating that he was pleased the Chairman's term had ended.

Commissioner Richard Raines took a few moments to thank Chairman Paulk for his service, his leadership and his support. Commissioner Raines stated that he loved Chairman Paulk like a brother and considered him a friend, adding he was going to miss working with him on a daily basis. Commissioner Raines ended his comments by stating that when the story of Lowndes County is finally written, the Chairman's name will be in it often. Chairman Paulk thanked Commissioner Raines for his kind words, adding he was honored to have served and looked forward to spending more time with his family. Chairman Paulk added that he was leaving the county in the capable hands of Chairman Elect Bill Slaughter and would remain involved in the community on some level.

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, reminded those in attendance that a reception honoring Chairman Paulk would be held Friday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Powell made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Paulk adjourned his final regular meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk