

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005
5:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Rodney N. Casey, Chairman
J. Edgar Roberts, District 1
Richard C. Lee, District 2
G. Robert Carter, District 3, Vice Chairman

Chairman Casey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Commissioner Carter gave the invocation.
Chairman Casey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes for Approval

The minutes presented for approval were from the Work Session, May 9, 2005 and the Regular Session, May 10, 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes from the Work Session, May 9, 2005 and the Regular Session, May 10, 2005, as presented, second by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard

There were no Citizens Wishing to be Heard.

Appointment

Appointment to the Lowndes County DFCS Board – Chairman Casey noted that that the DFCS Director recommended the reappointment of Dr. Martha Giddings.

Commissioner Lee nominated Dr. Martha Giddings to serve an additional five-year term on the DFCS Board. Dr. Giddings was reappointed by acclamation.

Appointment of the Public Facilities Authority Members (Resolution #05-1130) – Chairman Casey stated that the five proposed members to serve on this Authority had indicated a willingness to serve and were well qualified to serve on the Authority.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
J. Stephen Gupton, Jr.	5/31/08
Rodney N. Casey	5/31/08
Antonio C. Henderson	5/31/07
Harry B. Sullivan	5/31/07
Joseph G. Stevens	5/31/06

Motion by Commissioner Lee to appoint the recommended members to the Lowndes County Public Facility as presented and for the terms as presented, second by Commissioner Carter. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal

RFP for Lease Purchase Financing – Chairman Casey explained that the Finance Director recommended approval of Banc of America Leasing & Capital LLC because of the lowest interest rates, among other reasons, for Lease Purchasing Financing.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to approve Banc of America Leasing & Capital LLC for lease purchase financing, second by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried.

RFP for Banking Services – Chairman Casey presented the RFP for general banking services and stated that the Finance Director recommended approval of Regions Bank.

Motion by Commissioner Roberts to follow the recommendation of the Finance Director and approve Regions Bank for general banking, second by Commissioner Carter. Motion carried.

Resolution# 05-1131 – Water-Sewer Bond Issue Reimbursement

Joe Pritchard introduced Harrison Tillman, Financial Consultant, and Glen Thomson, Alston & Bird, Bond Counsel. Mr. Tillman explained the proposed \$12.5 million bond issue would finance improvements and expansion of the water-sewer infrastructure as identified in the Water-Sewer Master Plan and to pay off \$585,000.00 of old revenue bonds.

Mr. Thomson informed the Commissioners that Resolution #05-1311 would authorize Lowndes County to utilize General Funds to begin projects and to repay the County from the bond proceeds once they become available. Mr. Thomson noted that the County would enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the Public Facilities Authority who would actually issue the bonds and eliminate the need for the County to tie up Utility Department funds and avoid sinking funds, etc. that would be necessary if the bonds were issued by the Utilities Department.

Motion by Commissioner Lee to approve Resolution #05-1311, second by Commissioner Carter. Motion carried.

Request For Variance

Request for Variance to Subdivision Regulations for Paul Lilly Estate – Mike Fletcher presented a request for the variance of the Subdivision Regulations that require each lot to have a sixty-foot frontage on a public road. According to Mr. Fletcher, the request would create two lots with ingress/egress by a private easement that is sixty feet wide in some sections and forty feet wide in other sections.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to approve the requested variance, second by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried.

Request for Variance to Subdivision Regulations for Fred Wetherington – Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, presented a request from Fred Wetherington for a variance to the Subdivision Regulations requiring lots to have a sixty-foot frontage on a public road. Mr. Fletcher noted that the 150 acres that would be landlocked is part of a 704-acre tract that the Wetherington family estate is selling to the Moody Family Housing Privatization project. Continuing Mr. Fletcher stated that the 150 acres to be retained by the Wetheringtons is jurisdictional wetlands that are a part of Grand Bay and no future access to the property would be required.

Motion by Commissioner Lee to approve the variance request, second by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried.

Request for Variance to Subdivision Regulations for Raymond Upchurch – Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, presented a request from Raymond Upchurch for variance to the Lowndes County Subdivision Regulations that require each lot to have sixty feet of frontage on a public road. Mr.

Fletcher stated that Mr. Upchurch would like to subdivide five acres from a 20.27-acre existing tract to build a home. Ingress and egress to the five acres would be provided by a sixty-foot easement. Mr. Fletcher noted that Mr. Upchurch would retain the remaining property to be subdivided later into home sites for his children.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to approve the variance request, second by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried.

Request for Median Cuts

Chairman Casey presented the request for Lowndes County to pay for median cuts on St. Augustine Road by Bill Holland, J. D, Cowart and Jimmy Winters to access their private developments. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to table the request until the second meeting in June, second by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried.

Rezoning Ordinances for Introduction

- #05-1306 – LO-2005-18 – Franklin Walden, Jr. Special Exception for a Church in an R-1 District, Shiloh Road
- #05-1307 – LO-2005-19 – Bruce Roberts, A-U to R-10, 3.515 Acres on Lake Park Road
- #05-1308 – LO-2005-20 – William Touchton, A-U to R-10 and R-15, 204 ± Acres on White Water Road
- #05-1309 – LO-1005-21 – Riverbirch Investments, LLC, R-10 to R-P, 1.279 Acres at 3824 Mulligan Road
- #05-1310 – LO-2005-23 – Ken Corbett c/o William P. Langdale, Jr, A-U to C-H, 4 Acres on Inner Perimeter
- #05-1311 – LO-2005-24 – Evelyn Tillman, A-U to C-H, 2.003 Acres on Old U.S. 41 North
- #05-1312 – LO-2005-25 – Mae Frances Dykes, A-U to S-A, 2 Acres on Green Spur
- #05-1313 – LO-2005-26 – Hannah Stafford, S-A to R-15, 14.532 Acres on Westside Road
- #05-1314 – LO-2005-27 – Joseph L. Weldon, A-U to S-A, 4.947 Acres on Site Road
- #05-1315 – LO-2005-28 – David D. Bassford, A-U to R-10, 48.5 Acres Jericho Road and Tillman Crossing Road

Reports

Joe Pritchard, County Manager, reported that it is now necessary to impose water restrictions in unincorporated Lowndes County. Advertisements will be in the paper detailing the times and dates residents would be permitted to water and any penalties for not following the published schedule.

Commissioner Lee requested that the Engineering Department be authorized to assemble the documentation required by the Department of Transportation on installation of sidewalks at Pine Grove School and Lowndes Middle School, No objections were noted.

Motion by Commissioner Lee to adjourn, second by Commissioner Carter. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Rodney N. Casey, Chairman

Phyllis Waters, County Clerk