

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Clay Griner was not in attendance.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 7, 2019, and the regular meeting of January 8, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Special Assessment Rate for 2019**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the special assessment rate for 2019. Ms. Black stated the rate is set each year at two percent above prime and is used to address paving and utility assessments that are not paid within ninety days.

**Beer License – Sanketkumar Patel & Pravinkumar Patel of DSYP LLC DBA Race Way #1177 – 1177 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met.

**Beer License – Rajeshkumar R. Patel Of Rajesh LLC DBA Eagle Food Mart – 4357 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met.

**Beer and Wine License – Manishaben Patel Of Sai Krupa 2018 LLC DBA JP Foods #2 – 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met.

**Wine License – Harnish Patel And Manishaben Patel of Shree Hari 2012 Inc., DBA Triangle Foods – 4946 US Hwy 41 S., Lake Park, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie

Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the establishment already has a beer license and would like to add wine. Ms. Black further stated all requirements have been met.

**FY 2018 Performance Partnership Agreement and EMPG Application**, Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, presented the item. Mr. Green stated the agreement provides for the relationship between Lowndes County and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to include \$32,770.00, in funding. Mr. Green further stated that GEMA will also assist with planning, training and other administrative duties when no disasters are occurring.

**Abandonment of McLeod Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the request. Mr. Fletcher stated there are two parcel owners on the road, both of which have requested the road be abandoned due to illegal dumping and other activities that occur in the area. Mr. Fletcher added that the road is a narrow, dirt road and that both property owners have other road frontage.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Livingston Subdivision, Phase II**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the phase represents a cul de sac that was built at the end of an existing road. Mr. Fletcher stated that if approved, Lowndes County will accept the road, water and sewer.

**Speed Zone Ordinance**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the draft for consideration is with the County Clerk. Mr. Fletcher further stated the new ordinance cleans up Lake Park Bellville Road in accordance with GDOT's widening project.

**2019 Public Defender Contracts**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the request represents an annual renewal of the contracts required to maintain the services provided by the Public Defender.

**Solicitor-General's VAWA Grant Award Activation**, Solicitor Justin Cabral, presented the item. Mr. Cabral stated his office has been awarded \$50,000.00, in grant funds that require a \$16,667.00, cash match from Lowndes County. Mr. Cabral stated the request is a continuation of the grant currently utilized by his office.

**Highway 84 Water Main Underground Boring Agreement**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request in the total amount of \$73,000.00, to jack and bore under Highway 84 in order to provide services to three customers. Mr. Stalvey stated that after speaking with the interested parties, an agreement was reached to share the cost equally among Lowndes County and the three property owners. Mr. Stalvey further stated Lowndes County's cost share will be \$18,250.00.

## **BID**

**Paving On Parker Road and Simpson Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Reames and Son Construction submitted the low bid, in the amount of \$2,134,294.35. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if the total includes finishing the entire project, to which Mr. Fletcher replied yes.

## **REPORTS**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, asked 911 Director, Danny Weeks, to update the Commission regarding the phone system update agreement. Mr. Weeks stated that while there have been no changes to the terms of the agreement, a new version needs to be considered by the Commission. Mr. Pritchard stated that if there are no objections, staff would like to add it to the agenda for the regular meeting. There being no objections, Chairman Slaughter asked that the item be added as requested.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

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

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES**

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**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Special Assessment Rate for 2019**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the assessment is required to be set each year at two percent above prime. Ms. Black further stated the rate will apply to any paving or utility projects not paid in full within ninety days. Commissioner Griner made a motion to set the 2019 special assessment rate at 7.50% as required, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Beer License – Sanketkumar Patel & Pravinkumar Patel of DSYP LLC DBA Race Way #1177 – 1177 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the license as requested, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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requested, Commissioners Griner and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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**FY 2018 Performance Partnership Agreement and EMPG Application**, Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, presented the item. Mr. Green stated the agreement provides for the annual renewal between Lowndes County and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for disaster response and planning services. Mr. Green further stated approval will qualify Lowndes County for \$32,770.00, in funding assistance. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Abandonment of McLeod Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated both owners of property on the road are requesting to close the road due to illegal dumping and other activities. Mr. Fletcher further stated both property owners will still have access to a paved road, no one will be landlocked. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion determining the road has ceased to be used to the extent that no public purpose is served by it, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Livingston Subdivision, Phase II**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated if approved, the County will accept a new cul de sac as well as water and sewer. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the resolution and accept the infrastructure, Commissioner Evans and Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Speed Zone Ordinance**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the only update addresses the speed limit on Lake Park Bellville Road as a result of the ongoing widening project. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the ordinance, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**2019 Public Defender Contracts**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the contracts for consideration. Mr. Pritchard stated the request represents the annual renewal between the Public Defender and Lowndes County. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the contracts, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor-General's VAWA Grant Award Activation**, Chairman Slaughter presented the item, stating the Commission heard from Solicitor Cabral during the work session. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the grant activation, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Highway 84 Water Main Underground Boring Agreement**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the agreement needed to move forward with a cost share partnership between three land owners and Lowndes County. Mr. Stalvey stated the total project cost is \$73,000.00, with the County being responsible for \$18,250.00. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**AT&T Phone System Upgrade Agreement**, Chairman Slaughter presented the item, stating 911 Director, Danny Weeks, requested the agreement be added to the agenda during the work session. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

**Paving on Parker Road and Simpson Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Reames and Son Construction presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$2,134,294.35. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the low bid as submitted, Commissioner Evans and Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REPORT** – no additional information was reported.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk