

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, February 11, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

Chairman Slaughter announced the minutes for the work session and regular session held on January 22, 2019, would be ready for review prior to the regular meeting.

APPOINTMENT

Lowndes County Library Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that current appointee, Mr. Karl Osmus, has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Chairman Slaughter requested the Commission be prepared to present any additional nominees by the regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2019-01 Old Pine Duplexes, Old Pine Road, R-21 to R-10, County Water/Sewer, ~0.92 Acre, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone in order to develop duplexes on Old Pine Road. Mrs. Stevenson further stated citizens have expressed concerns related to density. The TRC had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that a privacy fence be installed along the back and sides of the property. Commissioner Griner asked if duplexes could be developed as the zoning currently stands, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes.

REZ-2019-02 Innova Cosmetic Solutions, 1504 Madison Hwy, R-10 to M-1, Well and Septic, ~1.25 Acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone for the purpose of preparing and packaging cosmetic products. The TRC had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

REZ-2019-03, Joe and Liska McKinnon, 2781 Madison Hwy., C-G/E-A/CON to C-G/E-A/CON, Well and Septic, ~7.01 Acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Ms. Stevenson stated the property owner would like to demolish an old residence and build a new one. Ms. Stevenson further stated the applicant would like one acre on the property to remain C-G. The TRC had no objectionable comments and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Abandonment of McLeod Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission made the initial determination at their last regular meeting, adding all advertising requirements have been met and the abandonment is ready for consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Abandonment of Doyle Kelly Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the request was initiated by the one property owner that lives on the road. Mr. Fletcher further stated the small road is more of a driveway than a road and the property owner would like to install a gate. Mr. Fletcher added the property also has access to Old Clyattville Road, which is a paved road.

Transportation Safety Improvements Agreement, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated that in accordance with the agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the closing of the at grade railroad crossing on Dasher-Johnson Road and safety improvements on at the CSX crossing on Good Hope Road. Mr. Fletcher further stated the amount of the agreement is \$7,500.00, of which the GDOT will pay one hundred percent.

Highway 84 Water Main Underground Boring Contracts, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the contracts. Mr. Stalvey stated an estimate was received from RPI, Inc., and Lovell Engineering in the amount of \$73,000.00. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County's portion of the cost will be \$18,250.00.

MOU with the City of Remerton to Provide Fire Inspection and Plan Review Services, EMA Director/Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Chief Tye stated the City of Remerton does not have anyone qualified to do plan review. Chief Tye further stated the City has so few plans to review it is not economically feasible to hire someone. Chief Tye added that since Lowndes County Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, has been assisting Remerton with plan review, the State Fire Marshall has encouraged a formal agreement between the two governments.

Lowndes County Historic Courthouse Architect Selection, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod provided an explanation of the RFQ review process and announced BFB Gladwin Architects as the staff recommended selection based on a scoring of the proposals received. Mr. McLeod stated the proposed fee for basic design services is \$145,500.00, and the fee for additional services if needed is

\$41,145.00, for a total fee of \$186,145.00. Commissioner Orenstein thanked Mr. McLeod for leading the process.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, asked Chief Tye to recognize a crew of LCFR firefighters for their recent assistance to SGMC Emergency Medical Services. Chief Tye stated his office received communication from SGMC Deputy Chief, Rhonda Vanyck, thanking the shift for their assistance during response to a recent automobile accident that resulted in several patients. Chairman Slaughter thanked Training Officer, Gary Williams (not in attendance), Sergeant Jeff Fitch along with Firefighters Brad Cartee and Lawrence Dow, for their service.

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated that at the direction of the Commission, the County Attorney is moving forward with the documents required to address emergency access on Carter Way. Mr. Pritchard further stated that if there were no objections, the item will be added to the regular meeting agenda. With no objections from the Commission, Chairman Slaughter asked staff to move forward.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular meeting of January 22, 2019. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Lowndes County Library Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Karl Osmus has expired, adding Mr. Osmus would like to continue to serve. Chairman Slaughter recommended Mr. Karl Osmus be reappointed. There being no other nominations, Mr. Karl Osmus was reappointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2019-01 Old Pine Duplexes, Old Pine Road, R-21 to R-10, County Water/Sewer, ~0.92 Acre, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Ms. Stevenson did not introduce any additional information and stated the request remains ready for consideration. Commissioner Marshall asked for clarification regarding the request being for three duplexes, to which Ms. Stevenson replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein questioned the parking required for a duplex. County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated that it is the same as any residential structure. Dale Queen, 3017 Cross Creek Circle, spoke against the request. Ms. Queen stated she lives adjacent to the property and is concerned with the number of cars that would park in a small area. Kim Ortmeyer, 3733 Cross Creek Circle, spoke against the request citing concerns related to density and noise. Matt Phelps, 4560 Val North Drive, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Phelps stated there would be three, separate driveways and that each

unit would be approximately 1,800 square feet in size. Commissioner Orenstein stated the proposed rendering is somewhat deceptive in that parking areas and driveways are not shown. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to deny the request, Commissioners Orenstein and Evans second. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and Commissioners Marshall, Orenstein and Evans voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Griner opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2019-02 Innova Cosmetic Solutions, 1504 Madison Hwy, R-10 to M-1, Well and Septic, ~1.25 Acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Ms. Stevenson did not introduce any additional information and stated the request remains ready for consideration. Mr. Greg Satfield spoke in favor of the request as the owner. No one spoke against the request. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2019-03, Joe and Liska McKinnon, 2781 Madison Hwy., C-G/E-A/CON to C-G/E-A/CON, Well and Septic, ~7.01 Acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated to be clear, the applicant is seeking to rezone only one acre of the 7.01 acre parcel. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request, Commissioners Evans and Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of McLeod Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher presented the request. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission made the initial, required determination at their last regular meeting. Mr. Fletcher further stated the abandonment has been advertised as required. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Abandonment of Doyle Kelly Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the only property owner on the road has requested to close the road so that a gate can be installed. Mr. Fletcher further stated the .11 miles in length road is more of a driveway, adding the property also has access to Old Clyattville Road, which is a paved road. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion indicating the section of the county road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest. Commissioners Evans and Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Transportation Safety Improvements Agreement, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the agreement. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement addresses the crossing closures on Dasher-Johnson Road and Good Hope Road. Mr. Fletcher further stated the \$7,500.00 cost will be paid by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner

Griner made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioners Orenstein and Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Highway 84 Water Main Underground Boring Contracts, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the contracts. Mr. Stalvey stated an estimate was received from RPI, Inc., and Lovell Engineering in the amount of \$73,000.00. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County's portion of the cost will be \$18,250.00. Mr. Stalvey stated the cost share was approved at the last regular meeting, adding the contracts are now ready for consideration. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the contracts, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

MOU with City of Remerton to Provide Fire Inspection and Plan Review Services, EMA Director/Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Chief Tye stated that as discussed during the work session, the agreement will allow the Lowndes County Fire Marshall to provide plan review services to the City of Remerton. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the MOU as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Lowndes County Historic Courthouse Architect Selection, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod provided an explanation of the RFQ review process and announced BFB Gladwin Architects as the staff recommended selection based on a scoring of the proposals received. Mr. McLeod stated the proposed fee for basic design services is \$145,500.00, and the fee for additional services if needed is \$41,145.00, for a total fee of \$186,145.00. Commissioner Orenstein stated that with great pleasure he would like to make a motion to award the project as presented to BFB Gladwin Architects, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and Commissioners Evans, Marshall and Griner second. All voted in favor to include Chairman Slaughter, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Carter Way Emergency Repair Consideration, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that Carter Way was significantly damaged due to recent heavy rains. Mr. Pritchard further stated that emergency vehicles cannot reach residents on the road and that there is a telecommunications tower that cannot be accessed for maintenance and repairs. Mr. Pritchard stated property owners have been contacted to allow for the repair, adding all have signed for or given verbal repair. Commissioner Griner made a motion finding that repairing the damage to the Access Easement will substantially benefit the public, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement to Repair Access Easement with Cowart and Sons and the Moore Trust, and accept Reames and Sons Construction's estimate of \$17,000.00 for dirt and Killeen Construction Company's estimate of \$10,000.00 for labor. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Service Delivery Strategy Agreement, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that as a result of a recent meeting between Lowndes County and the Cities, staff is presenting for consideration the verbiage that was approved at the meeting, by all parties. Chairman Slaughter thanked the Commission for their work to

move the issue forward. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the language as presented, Commissioners Marshall and Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 5:58 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk