

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 24, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 10, 2023 and the regular session of April 11, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer, Wine and Liquor License - Tony Taylor of Taylor Entertainment, LLC DBA Twin Lakes Club and Grill - 4875 Hwy. 41 South, Lake Park, GA, Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented the item. Mrs. Taylor stated the applicant is requesting a beer, wine and liquor license at 4875 Highway 41 South in Lake Park, Georgia, for consumption on premises. Mrs. Taylor further stated this is for a change of ownership, Tony Taylor of Taylor Entertainment, LLC dba Twin Lakes Club and Grill. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this license was for this location only, Mrs. Taylor answered yes, this location only. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if this is a new license or renewal, Mrs. Taylor responded this is a new license. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked the cost of the license, Mrs. Taylor answered \$3,562.50. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if there is an annual renewal fee, Mrs. Taylor stated yes. Finance Director, Stephanie Black, stated that the renewal fee was the same as the full license fee and that each type of alcohol and type of sale was a separate license. Liquor and consumption on premises are more expensive. However, the initial year fee is prorated depending on the timeframe in which the license is applied for.

Beer, Wine and Liquor License - Travis Ostrom of TKO-SC, LLC DBA Stone Creek Golf Club and Restaurant - 4553 Greenway Dr., Valdosta, GA, Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented the item. Mrs. Taylor stated the request is for consumption on premises and due to a change in ownership. Mrs. Taylor further stated all requirements have been met.

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY2024 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant, Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented a grant application request in the amount of \$368,179.20, in Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) grant funds. Mr. Tye stated since 2014, Lowndes County has been awarded funding through the CJCC to allow the Juvenile Court to implement services for diversion of youth offenders instead of incarceration. Mr. Tye stated Functional Family Therapy has been the primary program implemented and the Juvenile Court has requested funding be applied for in the amount of \$368,179.20. Judge Council addressed the Commission regarding the high success rate and Chairman Slaughter asked how do you measure the success rate, Judge Council responded and submitted documentation for the first quarter report for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.

Quiet Pines Golf Course Agreement, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this is an Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Moody Air Force Base and Lowndes County for the operation of the Quiet Pines Golf Course. Mrs. Dukes stated the property itself remains with Moody Air Force Base. Further, Mrs. Dukes commended Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher for her continued work on this project and thanked the Commission for their leadership and support.

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Quarterman Estates Subdivision Phase 4, Section 1, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Quarterman Estates Subdivision Phase 4, Section 1 is located in the southern portion of Lowndes County, off of White Water Road and includes twenty-eight (28) lots. Mr. McLeod stated the final inspections have been made.

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Grove Pointe Subdivision Phase 5, Section 3, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Grove Pointe Subdivision Phase 5, Section 3 is located in the northern portion of Lowndes County and is off of Dasher Grove Road and includes fifty-two (52) lots. Mr. McLeod stated the final inspections have been made.

Amended Residential Solid Waste Franchise for Deep South Sanitation, LLC, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the Commission approved amendments to the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance at the last meeting and in order for Deep South Sanitation to operate in accordance to those requirements, an amended franchise agreement has been completed for your consideration.

Amended Residential Solid Waste Franchise for Advanced Disposal Services, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the Commission approved amendments to the 2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance at the last meeting and in order for Advanced Disposal Services to operate in accordance to those requirements, an amended franchise agreement has been completed for your consideration.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Mr. Rhett Holmes with IDP Properties and Mr. Mark Stalvey with the Valdosta Housing Authority, to provide the commission with information on an affordable housing opportunity. Mr. Holmes addressed the Commission regarding a partnership with the

Valdosta Housing Authority for a phase one development called Harvest Station at the corner of Troup Street and Griffin Avenue near the Southside Library with a multi-phase affordable housing, mixed income development. Mr. Holmes stated they were awarded phase one this prior year, in which they worked with the City of Valdosta providing 3.3 million dollars in grants and low interest loans. Mr. Holmes stated this year they are working towards phase two and are requesting one million dollars from Lowndes County with low interest loans. Mr. Holmes stated these Harvest Station Apartments will be modeled after Freedom Heights Apartments, located on Bemiss Road. Mr. Holmes stated a commitment letter and application are due May 19th. Mr. Stalvey stated this is a great opportunity to have the city and county to participate with the housing authority. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding the funding, if that would go through the housing authority, Mr. Holmes answered it will go through the partnership. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked regarding refinancing in seventeen years, Mr. Holmes responded in seventeen years after completion, the loan will be paid off.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Orenstein

MINUTES

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FOR CONSIDERATION

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REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Lowndes County Fire Rescue and herself participated on behalf of Chairman Slaughter in the Rolling Remembrance initiative sponsored by Pepsico. This is a flag that travels across the nation in a Pepsi semi-truck, that is driven by Pepsi employees that are also veterans; for the purpose of reminding everyone about Veterans initiatives and to help raise money for the families of fallen veterans. Mrs. Dukes stated a ribbon cutting was held this afternoon for the CASA program and thanked Commissioner Evans for her leadership and also thanked Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher for her help with this project. Mrs. Dukes stated Chairman Slaughter, Commissioner Marshall and County staff met with the Air Force representatives that flew in from Washington, D.C. to discuss the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Moody Air Force Base and Lowndes County for the operation of Quiet Pines Golf Course. Chairman Slaughter stated this is a great opportunity to work with Moody Air Force Base and this will benefit the citizens of our community. Mrs. Dukes stated the course has not been sprayed in five years and is scheduled to be sprayed soon. Mrs. Dukes encouraged those in attendance to eat at the restaurant with breakfast and lunch being served with local items. Further, Mrs. Dukes stated at the direction of Commissioner Marshall, Mrs. Barwick and herself met with Derrick Dawson, (Josh Dawson's Father) and he is a farmer with a vision for an agricultural program during the summer that would help children in our community that might not traditionally be exposed to agriculture. Lowndes County will be partnering with him to let him use the civic center. ACCG Georgia County Government Magazine, this entire issue is focused on communication and an article in the magazine highlights several initiatives across the state to include our own "GOLOCO" in this magazine. Mrs. Dukes stated next week is National Small Business Week in Georgia. Mrs. Dukes stated Friday is County Clerks Day in Georgia and thanked County Clerk, Belinda Lovern and Deputy County Clerk, Sabrina Denson for their work. Chairman Slaughter also thanked Mrs. Lovern for her assistance and dedication to Lowndes County.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -

Amanda Hall, 2102 North Sherwood Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the Lowndes County Animal Shelter with changes in the state law regarding animal control and breeding animals, as well as the cost of the new animal shelter.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.