

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 13, 2019 - 8:30 AM

Call to Order

Commissioners Present:
Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Clay Griner was not in attendance.

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

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes for Approval

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 22, 2019, and the regular session of April 23, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

Appointments

Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson will expire June 1, 2019. Mr. Pritchard further stated Ms. Shirley Garland, Mrs. Elsie Napier, and Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson's names have been submitted by the authority for consideration.

Valdosta- Lowndes County Airport Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Anthony Payton's term on the authority will expire May 21, 2019. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mr. Payton has expressed a desire to continue to serve.

Public Hearing

REZ-2019-06 Glenn Gregory, Stallings Road, E-A to R-A and R-1, Well/Septic, ~ 11.111 acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the request. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to create two ULDC conforming parcels and to subdivide a portion of the property into three lots. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

REZ-2019-07 Lake Park CFA, Lakes Blvd. C-H & R-10 to C-H, Water/Sewer, ~2.68 acres, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone .422 acres of the property for the purpose of redevelopment. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

TWR-2019-01 Value Concepts, Inc., US Hwy 84 E. E-A, New 300' Telecommunications Tower, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to construct a new telecommunications tower. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the location is not in the MAZ, but there are some concerns related to Moody Air Force Base's helicopter flight pattern. Commissioner Marshall stated MAFB representatives spoke in opposition to the request at the Planning Commission meeting and asked if there was still opposition or if their questions had been answered. Mrs. Stevenson stated staff is still waiting on a confirmation communication from pilot representatives. Mrs. Stevenson also mentioned there is another tower just across the street from the location in question. Chairman Slaughter questioned the distance between the two locations, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied three hundred feet.

For Consideration

Purchase of Computer Server Blades and Software, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$120,000.00, to purchase four Cisco UCS blades/servers. Mr. Kostyu stated the purchase will replace four existing blades that will reach end of life in 2019. Mr. Kostyu further stated the servers host much of the county's telephony, financial, judicial and email applications.

Backup Appliance, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$89,500.00, to purchase a Barracuda Backup Appliance for the South Lowndes Data Center. Mr. Kostyu stated the existing appliance has reached end of life and is no longer supported.

Professional Services for Coleman Road Lift Station Force Main Replacement, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a proposal from Lovell Engineering for professional engineering and construction plan preparation for the Coleman Road lift station force main replacement. Mr. Stalvey stated cost for services will be 9% of the construction cost.

Professional Engineering and Surveying Services for TIA Projects, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated staff has met with local engineering firms to discuss requirements and qualifications for professional services related to TIA projects. Mr. Fletcher further stated that as a result, a fee schedule has been drafted for these projects, adding not all projects will need all services. Commissioner Marshall asked Mr. Fletcher which projects would be addressed by the fee schedule. Mr. Fletcher referenced the approved TIA list and listed Simpson and Clyattstone Roads as examples. Mr. Fletcher stated the fee schedule will apply to discretionary projects as well.

Georgia Department of Transportation - TIA Project Agreement - Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving and Drainage Improvements, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated GDOT has approved the TIA Local Government Application for the Lowndes County Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE paving and drainage project. Mr. Fletcher further stated approval will allow the project to move forward.

Amendment to Lowndes County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, presented the item. Mr. Green stated a new medical director has been appointed and the update is in accordance with the protocols approved under new leadership.

Commissioner Marshall asked for examples of the changes, to which Mr. Green replied he would provide them.

2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP), Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, presented the item. Mr. Green stated the CJCC has recently announced funding availability for the 2020 Fiscal Year Grant Cycle. Mr. Green further stated if awarded the funds will continue to support juvenile court programs.

Bid

Bid for Two New-Year Model Commercial Rotary Brush Mowers, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated staff received two bids for the mowers; however, the low bidder's performance did not meet the county's needs. Ms. Black stated Ag Pro submitted a per mower bid in the amount of \$39,985.00 and Reynold's Warren submitted a per mower bid in the amount of \$45,000.00. Ms. Black stated staff recommends Reynold's Warren due to the poor performance of the Ag Pro proposed mowers.

Reports - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

Citizens Wishing To Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address

Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:50 a.m.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 14, 2019 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order

Commissioners Present:

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Commissioner Scott Orenstein

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

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TWR-2019-01 Value Concepts, Inc., US Hwy 84 E. E-A, New 300' Telecommunications Tower, Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the proposed tower request is still waiting for a final comment from Moody Air Force Base Representatives, adding the Planning Commission tabled the request until their May meeting. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the TRC had no objectionable comments. Chairman Slaughter stated it is important to get a report from FAA in hand prior to making a decision. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to table the item until the next regular meeting, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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Professional Engineering and Surveying Services for TIA Projects, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated staff met with local firms to draft a fee schedule for professional services needed for TIA projects. Mr. Fletcher further stated that once approved, the County Manager and staff will analyze project needs and distribute to local firms. Mr. Fletcher added that not all projects will require all services. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the fee schedule as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Georgia Department of Transportation - TIA Project Agreement - Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving and Drainage Improvements, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated once local administration is approved, the project can move forward. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Amendment to Lowndes County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), LCFR Captain Gary Williams, presented an amendment to Lowndes County Fire Rescue's SOPs regarding emergency medical protocols. Captain Williams stated changes made by the new medical director and South Georgia Medical Center created a need to update protocols. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the amendment as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP), Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, presented the 2020 grant renewal for program funds used by Juvenile Court. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the application, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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Reports - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

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John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the Commission regarding the Utilities water main project and the Naylor boat ramp project. Mr. Quarterman also asked the Commission to consider a resolution sponsored by WAALS and invited them to the annual Paddle Georgia event.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m.