

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018, 8:30 a.m.  
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m.  
327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

1. **Call To Order**

2. **Invocation**

3. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**

4. **GFOA Financial Reporting Award**

5. **Minutes For Approval**

- a. Work Session- September 24, 2018
- b. Regular Session- September 25, 2018

6. **Appointments**

a. Lowndes County Library Board

Appoint/reappoint a member

Documents:

[LOWNDES COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.PDF](#)

b. Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority

Appoint/reappoint a member

Documents:

[LOWNDES COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

c. Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board Of Adjustments And Appeals

Appoint/reappoint a member.

Documents:

[VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS.PDF](#)

7. **Public Hearing**

- a. REZ-2018-17 The Settlement North, 5999 Val Del Road, E-A To R-1, Well & Septic, ~98.95 Acres

TRC Recommendations: Various

GLPC Recommendation: Denial

Documents:

[REZONING CASE REZ-2018-17.PDF](#)

b. Abandonment Of A Portion Of Union Road

Board's Pleasure

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF UNION ROAD.PDF](#)

**8. For Consideration**

a. Union Road Quit Claim Deeds

Approve and authorize Chairman Slaughter to execute Quit Claim Deeds.

Documents:

[UNION ROAD QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.PDF](#)

b. USGS Funding Agreement For Hwy 122 Stream Gauge

Request authorization for the Chairman to execute the funding agreement to allow for continued maintenance of the current stream gauge on the Little River.

Documents:

[USGS FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR HWY 122 STREAM GAUGE.PDF](#)

c. Stone Creek Antenna Space License Agreement Termination

Termination of agreement

Documents:

[STONE CREEK ANTENNA SPACE LICENSE AGREEMENT  
TERMINATION.PDF](#)

d. Val-Tech Road 16" Force Main Emergency Repair

Approval of Emergency Repair

Documents:

[VAL-TECH ROAD 16 FORCE MAIN EMERGENCY REPAIR.PDF](#)

**9. Reports - County Manager**

**10. Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name  
And Address**

**11. Adjournment**



LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County Library Board

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT:  
FUNDING SOURCE  
     Annual  
     Capital  
     N/A

Work Session   
Regular Session   
Recommendation   
Policy/Discussion   
Report   
Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Dr. Linda Most's term on the Lowndes County Library Board has expired. Dr. Most would like to be reappointed to the board.

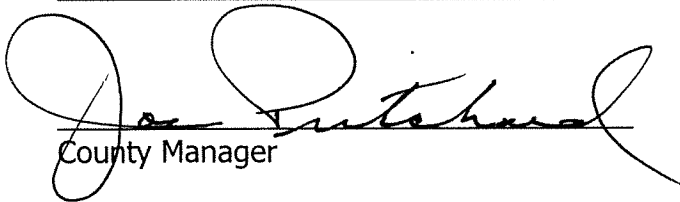
OPTIONS:    1. Appoint/reappoint a member  
              2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:  
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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT:  
FUNDING SOURCE  
     Annual  
     Capital  
     N/A

Work Session   
Regular Session   
Recommendation   
Policy/Discussion   
Report   
Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Commissioner Clay Griner's term on the Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority has expired. Commissioner Griner would like to be reappointed to the authority.

OPTIONS:    1. Appoint/reappoint a member  
              2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

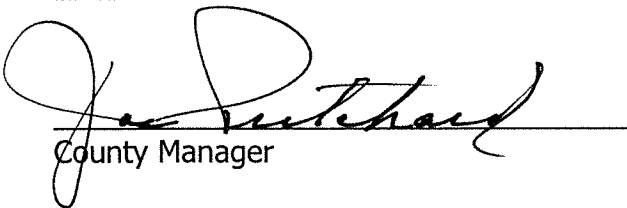
DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Valdosta- Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT:  
FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Work Session (x)
- Regular Session (x)
- Recommendation ( )
- Policy/Discussion ( )
- Report ( )
- Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Mr. Jim Scruggs' term on the Valdosta- Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals has expired. Mr. Scruggs would like to be reappointed to the board.

- OPTIONS:
- 1. Appoint/reappoint a member.
  - 2. Board's pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Rezoning Case REZ-2018-17

DATE OF MEETING: October 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

BUDGET IMPACT:

Regular Meeting (x)  
Work Session (x)  
Recommendation (x)  
Policy/Discussion ( )  
Report ( )

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Annual ( ) SPLOST ( ) Capital (X) N/A

ACTION REQUESTED ON:

REZ-2018-17 The Settlement North, 5999 Val Del Road  
E-A to R-1, Well & Septic, ~98.95 acres

**HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:**

This case represents a change in zoning on the subject property from Estate Agricultural (E-A) to Low Density Residential (R-1). The general motivation in this case is so that the subject property can be subdivided at a greater density (68 lots). For reference, the applicant’s conceptual site plan is attached. The minimum lot size in E-A zoning is 5 acres while the minimum lot size in R-1 zoning is 1 acre. The subject property possesses road frontage on Val Del Road (Major Collector). Typical traffic flow capacity of a major collector road is between 3,000 and 6,000 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT). Concerning the Comprehensive Plan, the subject property is depicted as an Agriculture/Forestry Character Area on the Future Development Map, and is approximately 1.5 miles outside the Urban Service Area. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance R-1 zoning is not listed as a permitted zoning within an Agriculture/Forestry Character Area.

Factors for consideration include: 1) the current rural character and rural land use pattern in the area, 2) the existing zoning pattern<sup>1</sup>, 3) the zoning history in the surrounding area<sup>2</sup>, 4) the potential precedent set for the surrounding area with this decision, 5) the potential investment in the subject property, 6) the location of Dana Circle (R-1 Zoning – 20 lots) to the north, 7) that the Comprehensive Plan does not support this density in this area at this time, 8) the development pattern concerning a direction of well-integrated and organized growth of the community, 9) and that Planning was sensitive to the request for additional development in this area and did recommend an alternative zoning: Residential Agriculture (R-A).

The TRC reviewed this application and recommended/noted the following:

Division with Recommendation	Planning	Zoning	Engineering	Utilities
	Denial	Denial	Approval	Denial
	Health	Fire/Rescue	Inspections	
	Approval	Approval		
Other Comments with (Source)	Overall Planning and Zoning found this request inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Utilities found that development in that area is not supported by the County Water System Growth Plan.			

<sup>1</sup> 97% of the area within a 1 mile radius is zoned E-A, while only 1.3% is zoned R-1.

<sup>2</sup> LO-1997-07 (Dana Circle – Denied S-A), LO-2002-10 (HWY 122 and Val Del Rd – Denied R-1), REZ-2006-04 (HWY 122 and Val Del Rd – Approved R-A)

At the September regular GLPC meeting the property owner's agent spoke in favor of the case and five neighbors spoke against it. The overall concerns of those speaking against the case were focused on nearby wetlands, drainage, and potential impacts of added traffic on Val Del Road. Ultimately, the GLPC recommended for denial of the request by a 5-2-1 vote. Planning Commissioners Ball and McClendon voted in opposition to the motion for denial and Planning Commissioner Sandlin abstained. The discussion and comments amongst the GLPC and staff dominantly focused on density and the inconsistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve      2. Approve with Conditions      3. Table      4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

TRC Recommendation: Various (Please See Table Above)  
GLPC Recommendation: Option #4 Deny

DIVISION: Planning

Contributing Staff: Molly Stevenson  
Sharon Griffith  
Trinni Amiot  
VALOR



County Manager

Action by the Board: \_\_\_\_\_



LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of a Portion of Union Road

Regular Meeting (X)

Work Session (X)

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

Recommendation (X)

Policy/Discussion (X)

BUDGET IMPACT \$ 0

Report ( )

FUNDING SOURCE

Other ( )

( ) Annual

( ) Capital

(X) N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of a portion of Union Road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On September 25, 2018, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners determined that a portion of Union Road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. As required by Georgia statute, each adjoining property owner was notified by certified mail of the intent and public hearing. The public hearing was also advertised in the *Valdosta Daily Times*.

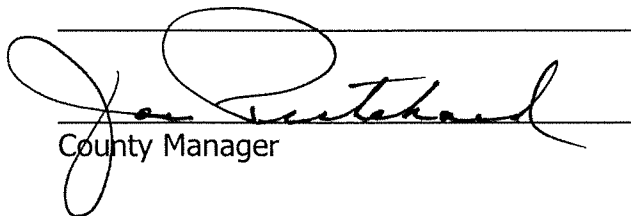
OPTIONS: 1. Abandon a portion of Union Road  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

Department Head: Michael B. Fletcher  
County Engineer

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Union Road Quit Claim Deeds  
DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

Regular Meeting (X)  
Work Session (X)  
Recommendation (X)  
Policy/Discussion (X)  
Report ( )  
Other ( )

BUDGET IMPACT - 0 -  
FUNDING SOURCE  
    ( ) Annual  
    ( ) Capital  
    (X) N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Union Road Quit Claim Deeds

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

Following the relocation of a portion of Union Road, a section of Union Road right of way is no longer needed for County road purposes. As a result, Quit Claim Deeds have been prepared for the appropriate property owners for the section of old right of way.

The Quitclaim Deeds are attached.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize Chairman Slaughter to execute Quit Claim Deeds.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

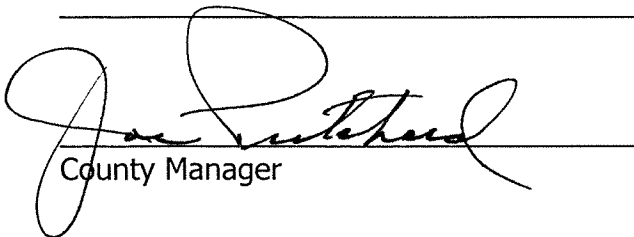
DEPARTMENT: Engineering

Department Head: Michael B. Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: USGS Funding Agreement for Hwy 122 Stream gauge

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT: \$15,100.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Regular Meeting (X)
- Work Session (X)
- Recommendation ( )
- Policy/Discussion ( )
- Report ( )
- Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: USGS Joint Funding Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On September 22, 2009, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the funding agreement that authorized the installation and first year's maintenance of the stream gauge on the Little River at the Hwy 122 Bridge. This gauge has been useful in gathering data for use by the US Geological Survey (USGS) Water Science personnel, as well as forecasters with the National Weather Service and Southeast River Forecast Center, to hopefully allow them to provide more accurate forecasting for the Little River during any future flooding events that may occur. In order to maintain operation of the gauge, the USGS requires a funding agreement be signed annually to cover the maintenance of the equipment for the following year. This agreement covers the cost of all routine inspections, maintenance, and/or repairs. This agreement covers the period from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019. This year's funding amount represents an \$800 increase over last year's funding agreement.

- OPTIONS: 1. Authorize the Chairman to execute the funding agreement to allow for continued maintenance of the current stream gauge on the Little River.  
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

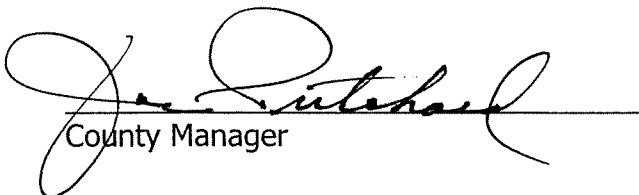
DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTYBOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Stone Creek Antenna Space License Agreement Termination

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT: \$00.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual                       SPLOST VII  
 Capital  
 N/A

- Regular Meeting (X)  
Work Session (X)  
Recommendation ( )  
Policy/Discussion ( )  
Report ( )  
Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Stone Creek Antenna Space License Agreement Termination

HISTORY, FACTS, AND ISSUES: Jerry Hyatt with the Stone Creek Property Owners Association has made a request to terminate the Stone Creek Antenna Space License Agreement. This agreement was approved at the March 14, 2017 commission meeting.

- OPTIONS: 1. Authorize Chairman to terminate the agreement per terms.  
2. Board's Pleasure

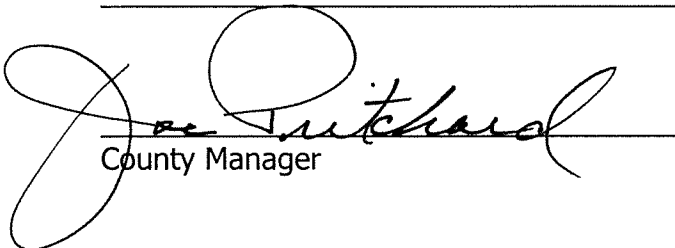
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize Chairman to terminate the agreement per terms.

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

Department Head: Steve Stalvey

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWNDES COUNTYBOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Val-Tech Road 16" Force Main Emergency Repair

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT: \$99,935.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual                       SPLOST VII  
 Capital  
 N/A

- Regular Meeting (X)  
Work Session (X)  
Recommendation ( )  
Policy/Discussion ( )  
Report ( )  
Other ( )

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Val-Tech Road 16" Force Main Emergency Repair

The 16" force main between Coleman Road lift station and James Road has experienced repeated issues with pipe failure. Several repairs have been made on one section near 3624 Val-Tech Road. After detecting another pipe failure along this section staff recommends we replace a 400' section of the 16" force main. This is an emergency and needs to happen ASAP to prevent a sewage spill. Staff received a quote from RPI for \$99,935.00. Staff recommends the emergency repair be approved for \$99,935.00 from RPI.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve 16" force main emergency repair for \$99,935.00 from RPI.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve 16" force main emergency repair for \$99,935.00 from RPI.

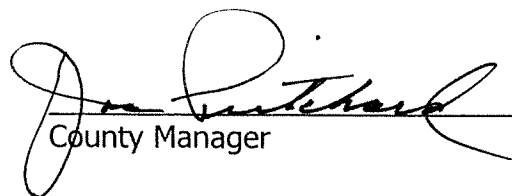
DEPARTMENT: Utilities

Department Head: Steve Stalvey

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_