LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, March 7, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Clay Griner
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker

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 February 8, 2016, and the regular session of February 9, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta/Lowndes County Landbank Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, introduced the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated the seats held by Commissioner Joyce Evans and Mr. Frank Morman had expired. Mr. Pritchard added that both appointees had expressed a desire to continue to serve.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated that Chris Yarbrough, the Community Development Coordinator with State Probation, had expressed a desire to serve.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2016-06 Lowndes County CAC, Skipper Bridge Rd, R-A to OI, Well and County Sewer, ~1 acre, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the request is related to the recent Community Development Block Grant awarded to the county for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Center. Mr. Davenport further stated the one-acre property will be the location of the new center, adding that once rezoned the project can move forward. Mr. Davenport stated that both the Planning Commission and TRC recommended approval of the request.

Beer, Wine and Liquor License - Donna P. Adams of The Taco Shack @ Long Pond - 4920 Hwy. 41 S., Lake Park, Ga., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the

item. Ms. Black stated the request for beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises is due to a change in ownership. Ms. Black added that all requirements have been met.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer and Wine License - Loyce C. Beasley of Flash Foods, LLC /dba Flash Foods #16 - 3480 Bemiss Road, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and that all requirements have been met.

Beer and Wine License - Loyce C. Beasley of Flash Foods, LLC /dba Flash Foods #273 - 4025 N. Valdosta Rd., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and that all requirements have been met.

Beer and Wine License - Loyce C. Beasley of Flash Foods, LLC /dba Flash Foods #289 - 1266 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, Ga., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and that all requirements have been met.

Leila Ellis Social Services Building Lease Agreement for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the lease agreement. Mr. McLeod stated the county had received a request from Wiregrass to lease space for adult education and GED classes. Mr. McLeod stated the terms of the agreement provide for Wiregrass to pay the county $200.00 per month through June 2016, at which time the agreement will need to be renewed.

Surveying and Engineering Service for Sidewalks along Copeland Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item in the amount of $16,150.00. Mr. Fletcher stated that due to foot traffic by students to and from Lowndes Middle School, the county had applied for a grant to install sidewalks. Mr. Fletcher stated that if the surveying and engineering could be completed prior to the grant award in June, the project could be completed prior to the new school year.

Board of Assessors' Data Cloud Solutions Contract, Chief Appraiser, Silas Hrobar, presented the contract. Mr. Hrobar stated he was requesting approval of the contract to include an increase to the initial budgeted amount of $22,000.00. Mr. Hrobar further stated the increase will cover unforeseen set up costs, adding Lowndes County will be the seventh county in the state to utilize the program.

Board of Assessors' GMASS Rural Land Maintenance Contract, Chief Appraiser, Silas Hrobar, presented the contract in the amount of $5,500.00. Mr. Hrobar stated the agreement will provide maintenance services related to rural land to include the extraction of timber.

Public Right of Way Acknowledgment Form - Copeland Road, Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Commission was being asked to approve an acknowledgement form related to pipe required for the Copeland Road project. Mr. Stalvey stated any related cost would be paid by the developer.

FOR INTRODUCTION

Animal Welfare Ordinance, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, introduced the updated ordinance. Mr. Pritchard stated Animal Services has been working with the County Clerk and County Attorney to update the ordinance in accordance with the Commission's direction. Mr. Pritchard added the draft has been posted on the county's website for citizen review. Chairman Slaughter encouraged everyone to review the draft, adding the biggest change in the ordinance is related to chaining/tethering. Chairman Slaughter stated he hoped that once the ordinance is approved, it can be forwarded to the cities for consideration as well. Commissioner Orenstein asked if there would be an educational period for citizens, to which County Clerk, Paige Dukes, replied yes. Mrs. Dukes stated that in addition to a grace period, there would also be assistance solicited for those needing financial assistance to properly tether their dog.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented an annexation request from Gusto Development, LLC, for the annexation of 0.645 acres, Tax Parcel #0146A-420A. Mr. Pritchard stated the county had received written notice in accordance with the statute, and that any objection by the Commission would have to be based on land use, which for this parcel would be the same for both the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County.

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

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Clay Griner
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

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

Valdosta High School student and three-year member of the school's Navy Jr. R.O.T.C. program, Garrett Herring, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Slaughter welcomed Hahira Middle School Teacher, Ashleigh Kenny, and a group of her students representing Y-LEAD, a club established by Ms. Kenny to develop community awareness and leadership skills in middle school students.

Chairman Slaughter also welcomed members of the 2015-2016 Youth Leadership League class. The high school program is sponsored and administered by Leadership Lowndes.

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APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta/Lowndes County Landbank Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated Commissioner Evans and Mr. Frank Morman had both expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioners Wisenbaker and Orenstein expressed a desire to reappoint both Commissioner Evans and Mr. Frank Morman. There being no other nominations, both candidates were re-appointed by acclamation.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Chris

Yarbrough, Community Development Coordinator with State Probation, has expressed a desire to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Chris Yarbrough for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Yarbrough was appointed by acclamation.

REZ-2016-06 Lowndes County CAC, Skipper Bridge Rd, R-A to OI, Well and County Sewer, ~1 acre, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated that if approved, the property would provide a location for a new Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), in accordance with the county's recent Community Development Block Grant Award. No one spoke against the request. Lee Tarpley, CAC Board Member, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Tarpley thanked the Commission for their support of the CAC and stated he was available to answer any questions the Commission might have. In accordance with guidelines set forth by the Community Development Block Grant, Commissioner Evans recused herself from the matter, being that she is also a CAC Board Member. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the rezoning, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Vice Chairman Griner and Commissioners Orenstein, Wisenbaker and Marshall voted in favor of the motion, no one against. Motion carried.

Beer, Wine and Liquor License - Donna P. Adams of The Taco Shack @ Long Pond - 4920 Hwy. 41 S., Lake Park, Ga., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the license would provide for consumption on premises of beer, wine, and liquor, adding all requirements had been met. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the license, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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approve the license, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Leila Ellis Social Services Building Lease Agreement for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the agreement. Mr. Pritchard stated Wiregrass Georgia Technical College had approached the county with a need for space in which to host GED classes. Mr. Pritchard further stated space had been identified at Leila Ellis, at a rate of $200.00, per month. Mr. Pritchard added the agreement before the Commission would expire in June, in accordance with the college's fiscal year. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Surveying and Engineering Service for Sidewalks along Copeland Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the proposal from Innovate Engineering Solutions, in the amount of $16,150.00, for surveying and engineering on Copeland Road, to provide for sidewalks. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the proposal as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Board of Assessors' Data Cloud Solutions Contract, Chief Appraiser, Silas Hrobar, presented the contract. Mr. Hrobar stated the contract would provide staff with mobile software that will allow for greater efficiencies in the field. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the contract and associated maintenance cost in accordance with the agreement, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Board of Assessors' GMASS Rural Land Maintenance Contract, Chief Appraiser, Silas Hrobar, presented the contract in the amount of $5,500.00. Mr. Hrobar stated the agreement would provide for maintenance updates to the Rural Land schedules for the 2016 digest. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Public Right of Way Acknowledgment Form - Copeland Road, Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the county's approval of the acknowledgement form would address pipe needs related to the project. Mr. Stalvey further stated any costs would be covered by the developer. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the form as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR INTRODUCTION

Animal Services Ordinance, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a recently completed draft of the county's Animal Services Ordinance. Mr. Pritchard stated the draft is the product of staff and the county attorney working with the Commission and concerned citizens to update the ordinance to meet the current needs of the county. Commissioner Marshall asked if there would be a process to phase in enforcement of

the update. Chairman Slaughter stated Animal Services will work with citizens just as they currently do to educate and assist with compliance. Commissioner Marshall stated he also had a question related to enforcement in the cities. Chairman Slaughter stated the ordinance would apply to the unincorporated area only and that he hoped the cities would take an interest in updating their ordinances as well. Chairman Slaughter thanked Commissioners Wisenbaker and Evans for their work on the ordinance and stated the draft would be available on the county's website for public review.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented an annexation request from the City of Valdosta on behalf of Gusto Development, LLC. Mr. Pritchard stated the request addressed Tax Parcel #0146A-420A, a 0.645 acre tract. There was no objection from the Commission regarding the proposed use or annexation.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the passing of former Lowndes County Coroner, Charles Exum. Chairman Slaughter stated Mr. Exum served Lowndes County as Coroner for sixteen years and that most recently he and his wife had moved to Tifton to be closer to their family.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Jim Sharp, 4672 Mt. Zion Road, addressed the Commission regarding his concerns related to Animal Services and the proposed Animal Services Ordinance draft.

Dr. Amanda Hall, 2102 North Sherwood Drive, addressed the Commission regarding her support of the Animal Services Ordinance draft. Dr. Hall thanked the Commission for their cooperation and dedication to working with citizens over the past year to update the ordinance. Dr. Hall stated she believes the new ordinance is a huge step forward in improving conditions for the entire community.

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

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk