

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, March 21, 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 March 7, 2016, and the regular session of March 8, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment, stating Christina Bennett expressed an interest in serving on the board and currently there is a vacant seat.

Valdosta Lowndes County Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO), County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating there are three seats available, Ronald Skrine, Tammy Greenway, Floyd Rose and Bob Wilburs have all expressed an interest in serving. Commissioner Evans asked why there was no information available for two of the applicants, Mr. Pritchard responded that there was no information submitted at this time.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal and County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented items "A" and "B" regarding the renewal of residential solid waste franchises. There are no changes to the franchise agreement other than dates. Mr. Kevin Beals provided a break down stating both companies received a booklet of information. Both were reviewed and evaluated. Deep South Sanitation insurance verification, pollution and environmental liability coverage is needed. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what is the minimum, Mr. Beals stated five million. Commissioner Orenstein asked have they been asked, to which Mr. Beals responded yes.

Commissioner Orenstein asked if it was a requirement, Mr. Beals stated yes according to the ordinance. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding \$20.00 per month cap that franchisee can charge subscribers is there a cap on landfills, Mr. Beals stated not to his knowledge. Mr. Pritchard stated under the ordinance a franchisee could submit a request to use another landfill and that is an option that they have, County Attorney, Walter Elliott stated Deep South Sanitation did submit a request and Mr. Pritchard granted request. Commissioner Orenstein asked what is the next step, Chairman Slaughter, stated the franchise agreement will expire March 31, 2016, these are issues that need to be addressed and in order to meet the ordinance. Commissioner Orenstein stated if both agreements are approved for renewal if on March 31 they're not in compliance would the agreement be null and void. Mr. Elliott responded there is an existing franchise which will expire on March 31, 2016 they have applied to renew franchise agreement effective as of April 1. This item on the agenda is whether or not a new renewed franchise beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. One franchisee has submitted an application and complied with all the requirements and one franchisee has submitted an application and has one requirement unmet. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding hours of operation for the collection centers, due to daylight savings time, could the hours be changed from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Mr. Beals responded the time period would be the pleasure of the board. Chairman Slaughter stated we have an ordinance in place, times are in the current ordinance and any adjustments through the ordinance itself. Mr. Elliott agreed with the Chairman if changes are made, change in the ordinance and then change the franchise agreements.

Deep South Sanitation Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal, Chairman Slaughter stated this item has already been reviewed with item "A."

Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program Capital Contract, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item stating this contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation would replace three conversion vans with lifts and one computer. Lowndes County would be responsible to pay \$13,549.50.

FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Application, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated the county had asked for a mobile emergency operations center last year and would be asking for the same equipment this year. Commissioner Orenstein asked if it was 100% funded, Mr. Tye replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein asked other than the maintenance, is there already a vehicle in place that could transport it and it's already insured, Mr. Tye replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein asked where the equipment would be stored, Mr. Tye replied it would be kept at the Emergency Operations Center.

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement renewal from 2012. Mr. Tye added that the agreement would allow all counties in Georgia to work with each other and Georgia Emergency Management, in the event a disaster occurs.

Animal Services Ordinance, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated this ordinance as presented at the previous meeting is now ready for your consideration and adoption.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated that as per Mr. Stalvey's request, the county would need to provide \$5,000.00 in funding for the project to move forward.

REPORTS – no additional information was presented.

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:05 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 22, 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.

Commissioner Orenstein gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 7, 2016, and the regular session of March 8, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating Christina Bennett expressed an interest in serving on the board and currently there is a vacant seat. There being no other nominations, Christina Bennett was appointed by acclamation.

Valdosta Lowndes County Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO), County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating there are three seats currently available. Mr. Ronald Skrine, Ms. Tammy Greenway, Mr. Floyd Rose and Mr. Bob Wilburs have all expressed an interest in serving. Only two applications were received for this board, Mr. Skrine and Ms. Greenway. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mr. Ronald Skrine and Ms. Tammy Greenway. There being no other nominations, Mr. Skrine and Ms. Greenway were appointed by acclamation.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item stating the Residential Solid Waste Franchise expires March 31, 2016. Advanced Disposal Service, has met all requirements. Commissioner Marshall stated he would recuse himself from the vote,

due to his current job position at the City of Valdosta. Chairman Slaughter stated there was no reason to do so, since he didn't have his own personal sanitation business. All the other Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve this request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Deep South Sanitation Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal, County Manager, Joe Pritchard presented the item stating the Franchise for Residential Solid Waste Collection Service expires March 31, 2016. The only item excluded is the pollution and environmental liability coverage and Mr. Beals has spoken with Blanton and Griffin Insurance regarding this matter. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the renewal request, Commissioner Marshall second. Vice Chairman Griner asked to change the motion to approve with insurance as of April 1, 2016. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program Capital Contract, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, stating Lowndes County will be replacing three conversion vans with lifts and one computer. The county's portion is 10%, \$13,549.50. Commissioner Orenstein asked if these vehicles could be used for transporting to and from election polling places, Mr. Fletcher answered, he was unsure, but would verify that information. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Application, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the request to apply for funding for 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of a mobile emergency operation center trailer available to all public agencies in the Lowndes County area. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the application, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item stating the renewal of the previous statewide mutual aid agreement which has since expired, this is to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Animal Services Ordinance, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item updating the animal services ordinance. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item stating several weeks ago Mark Stalvey with the Valdosta Housing Authority proposed consideration of a community housing development organization. It has been recommended that the Valdosta Housing Authority and the Valdosta-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity jointly operate this organization. If approved, this

would be an IRS 501 C3 organization, request for participation by paying a 50% portion, \$5,000.00, and then at a later date make an appointment for three members. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – Mr. Pritchard stated this will be the last meeting for Fire Rescue Chief, Richard Guyton, he will be retiring at the end of the month and has had seven years of service with Lowndes County. Chairman Slaughter wished Chief Guyton very best wishes in his future endeavors. Commissioner Wisenbaker thanked Chief Guyton for his service.

Chairman Slaughter stated that he met with Tim Golden and Chad Hartley, with the Georgia Department of Transportation, today and discussed a contract w/GDOT to help with maintenance to help fund the gateways for the exits in Lowndes County. Also, funding has been approved to do a portion of widening of Highway 41, from North Valdosta to Grove Point Intersection. This area of growth will be much safer.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, Hahira, addressed his concerns related to Sabal Trail Transmission and he gave the Commission a copy of correspondence from the Chairman of Hamilton County Board of Commissioners related to Sabal Trail Transmission.

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

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk