

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 25, 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 April 11, 2016, and the regular session of April 12, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Core Network Equipment-911, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the item in the amount of \$38,621.00. Mr. Weeks state the current equipment is end of life and needs to be replaced. Commissioner Wisenbaker questioned Mr. Weeks regarding system redundancy. Mr. Weeks stated the system connects the Center to the County's CAD system and the ITS Department. Commissioner Griner questioned the length of the maintenance contract. ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, stated staff tries to purchase multiyear agreements.

Liquor License - Ghanshyam B. Patel of A & M Food Store - 5859 Bemiss Road, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the current license holder wants to add liquor for consumption off premises to his current license. Ms. Black further stated that all requirements have been met.

FY2017 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the grant request in the amount of \$551,040.00, to be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mr. Tye stated the additional funds would provide for three full time therapists, that would work from Lowndes County. Nicole Janer, Project Director, with Evidence Based Associates, LLC, provided the Commission with statistics related to the current grant and related programs. Ms. Janer stated programs continue to meet standards by diverting youth away from detention centers, with a current goal of ninety-six youth served. Commissioner Evans questioned participation from across the state. Ms. Janer stated that not all counties sought funding, adding Lowndes County is

recognized as providing one of the top four programs in the state with regards to performance.

James Road/Riverside Drive Quitclaim Deeds, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated right of way obtained during the James Road widening project was no longer needed. Mr. Fletcher further stated that property owners in the area had asked for the right of way to be returned. Mr. Fletcher added the required deeds had been prepared and remained available for the Commission's consideration.

Emergency Fiber Replacement to South Lowndes, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item, in the amount of \$61,020.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the current fiber needs to be replaced due to numerous repairs. Mr. Kostyu further stated the number of repairs had slowed the speed and new fiber would increase connectivity. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the line was on poles, to which Mr. Kostyu replied yes.

Stone Creek Well Pump, Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to purchase a new pump from Shea Well and Pump, in the amount of \$27,985.00, to meet the needs of the Stone Creek well. Mr. Stalvey stated the current pump will not supply enough water to operate the MIEX water treatment system.

BIDS

Paving on Stewart Circle, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, with Reames and Son Construction submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$632,258.55. Mr. Fletcher stated the project will pave Stewart Circle from the intersection of Coleman Road to Old US 41 North.

Replacement of Beatty Creek Bridge on Williams Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Southern Concrete Construction Company submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$634,800.00. Mr. Fletcher stated the project would take place during the summer in an effort to avoid a school bus detour.

Resurfacing of 3 County Roads, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with The Scruggs Company presenting the sole bid, in the amount of \$1,663,888.78. Mr. Fletcher stated the project will provide for the resurfacing of Touchton Road, Clyattville Nankin Road, and Hambrick Road, with Lowndes County paying \$862,733.14, and \$801,155.64, being funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation's LMIG program.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, provided the Commission with an update on Carter Way. Mr. Pritchard stated since the Commission's previous action, it has been discovered that there is more than one owner on the road. Mr. Pritchard further stated staff is in the process of trying to contact the owner; however, attempts have been unsuccessful to date. Chairman Slaughter stated that if the Commission was in agreement, he would like

staff to prepare the documents needed to present to any additional property owners, so that once signed the repair can move forward. Chairman Slaughter added that everyone realizes this is a difficult situation and he would like the repair made as quickly as possible so that public safety can reach residents on the road. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long the repair would take. County Engineer, Mike Fletcher stated the project would take approximately three weeks depending upon the weather.

Commissioner Evans thanked staff for assisting with a recent Town Hall Meeting held in the Naylor Community.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:57 a.m.

Chairman, Bill Slaughter

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 26, 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 Wisenbaker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 11, 2016, and the regular session of April 12, 2016. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Core Network Equipment-911, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the item in the amount of \$38,621.00. Mr. Weeks stated the equipment would replace the current system which has reached end of life. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$38,621.00, to include maintenance, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Liquor License - Ghanshyam B. Patel of A & M Food Store - 5859 Bemiss Road, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated approval would allow the applicant to add consumption off premise of distilled spirits to an existing license. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the license, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FY2017 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the grant request in the amount of \$551,040.00. Mr. Tye stated that if awarded, the grant would provide program services for 112 local youth. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the grant was one hundred percent reimbursable, to which Mr. Tye replied yes. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the grant request, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

James Road/Riverside Drive Quitclaim Deeds, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the deeds. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way was obtained as part of the James Road widening project and now was no longer need. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the deeds, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Emergency Fiber Replacement to South Lowndes, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item, in the amount of \$61,020.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the fiber had been repaired to the extent it is no longer serviceable. Commissioner Marshall asked if the fiber would be a new run from north Lowndes, to which Mr. Kostyu replied yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the repair as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Stone Creek Well Pump, Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item, in the amount of 27,985.00. Mr. Stalvey stated the pump was needed to meet the needs of the MEX system installed at the Stone Creek site. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase from Shea Well and Pump, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BIDS

Paving on Stewart Circle, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Reames and Son Construction submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$632,258.55. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to award the project as presented, and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Replacement of Beatty Creek Bridge on Williams Road, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Southern Concrete Company presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$634,800.00. Commissioner Marshall asked if the County had plans to pave the road. Mr. Fletcher stated the road is not on the current list. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the bid as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Resurfacing of 3 County Roads, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the project would provide for the resurfacing of Touchton Road, Clyattville Nankin Road, and Hambrick Road, with the Georgia Department of Transportation's LMIG program paying \$801,155.64, and Lowndes County funding the remaining \$862,733.14. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the bid and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Gretchen Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, thanked County Clerk, Paige Dukes, and her staff for assisting her with the County's website. Mrs. Quarterman also asked the Commission to consider detouring truck traffic off Hambrick Road.

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman, Bill Slaughter

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk