

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, May 23, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner 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 May 9, 2016, and the regular session of May 10, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

South Regional Joint Development Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated, Mr. Bill Holland, attorney for the authority, sent correspondence requesting the appointment of Development Authority Director, Andrea Schruijer, and a Commissioner. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the county had a Commissioner willing to serve. Chairman Slaughter stated he thought Commissioner Griner would agree to fill the vacancy.

Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat is currently held by Commissioner Evans and that she has expressed an interest to continue to serve.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of a Portion of Beaver Lane (CR 250), County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the county received a petition to abandon a portion of Beaver Lane from its intersection with Phillips Road, to its intersection with Mt. Zion Road, a distance of 0.18 miles. Chairman Slaughter asked Mr. Fletcher if he was aware of any opposition to the request, to which Mr. Fletcher replied no.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Electrical Quote-Tower Grounding Radials, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented a quote from Ace Electric Inc., in the amount of \$45,600.00, to improve grounding at all four of the county's public safety radio tower sites. Mr. Weeks stated the grounding system has not been updated in quite some time and the improvements would significantly reduce system damage in the event of a lightning strike.

Kinderlou Lift Station Pump, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a quote from Xylem Inc., in the amount of \$10,379.00, for the purchase of a new pump for the Kinderlou lift station.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the Commission with a request from the City of Hahira to annex 4.9 acres, Tax Parcel #0026-0028, with a proposed address of 901 West Main Street. Mr. Pritchard asked if the Commission had any concerns related to the development of an apartment complex, as stated in the request. There were no concerns expressed by the Commission.

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:37 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, May 24, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Clay Griner
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Orenstein was not present.

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

Vice Chairman Griner gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 9, 2016, and the regular session of May 10, 2016. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

South Regional Joint Development Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated, Mr. Bill Holland, attorney for the authority had requested Development Authority Director, Andrea Schruijer, and a Commissioner be appointed to the authority. Commissioner Marshall asked when the authority meets, to which Mr. Pritchard replied as needed. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mrs. Schruijer and Vice Chairman Griner for appointment. There being no other appointments, both nominees were appointed by acclamation.

Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Commissioner Evans would expire the end of June, adding Commissioner Evans had expressed a desire to continue to serve. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Evans was reappointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of a Portion of Beaver Lane (CR 250), County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, stating the county received a request to abandon 0.18 miles of road,

from the intersection with Phillips Road to the intersection with Mt. Zion Road. Mr. Fletcher stated vehicle counts indicate 30 vehicles per day; however, the majority of the counts indicate ATV traffic. Mr. Fletcher further stated that if the Commission made the required determination, staff would move forward with advertising a public hearing. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion determining the section of the county road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Electrical Quote- Tower Grounding Radials, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented a quote from Ace Electric Inc., in the amount of \$45,600.00, for grounding improvements at the county's four public safety radio tower sites. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Kinderlou Lift Station Pump, Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a quote from Xylem Inc., in the amount of \$10,379.00, for the purchase of a new pump for the Kinderlou lift station. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented an annexation request from the City of Hahira to annex 4.9 acres, Tax Parcel #0026-028. Chairman Slaughter asked if there were any questions or recommendations related to the proposed use. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion indicating he had no objections to the annexation or proposed use, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - none

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk