

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, June 13, 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.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of Valdosta Councilwoman Tooley.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were requested for the work session of May 23, 2016, and the regular session of May 24, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating current appointee, Mr. Gregory Powell, had expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

**Lowndes County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated current appointee, Mr. Raymond Conner, had expressed a desire to continue to serve.

**South Georgia Community Service Board**, Chairman Slaughter stated a list of positions that could be considered for the seat, had been attached for the Commission's review. Chairman Slaughter further stated the list indicated the need for an elected or officially appointed official.

**Lowndes County Library Board**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment to a seat previously held by Mr. Jack Hartley. Mr. Pritchard stated Ms. Melinda Taylor had expressed an interest in serving on the board.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

**FY 17 Grant Award - Accountability Court- for State Court**, State Court Judge, Ellen Golden, addressed the Commission regarding the court's interest in establishing a DUI Court. Judge Golden stated the new court, similar to the Accountability Court in Superior Court, would have a positive impact by reducing recidivism, reducing jail costs, and reducing the number of court cases coming through the court. Judge Golden added the county would be responsible for a match, in the amount of \$10,241.00, based on grant requirements. Judge Golden closed her remarks by stating Lowndes County's DUI Court would be the first established south of Chatham County.

**FY 17 Grant Award - Accountability Court- for Superior Court**, Accountability Court Administrator, Jennifer Fabbri, addressed the Commission regarding a renewal of the court's operating grant. Mrs. Fabbri stated if awarded the county would be responsible for ten percent in matching funds, or \$8,661.00, based on the sub-grant award.

**Southern Region Traffic Enforcement Network (SRTEN)**, no one from the Sheriff's Office was in attendance to present the item.

**Code Red Service Agreement**, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement. Mr. Tye stated that with an additional \$5,000.00, in funding, the county's agreement could be broadened to include unlimited call minutes. Mr. Tye stated the resource would allow the county to expand the notification system in an effort to allow for use by more departments and to provide redundancy to existing systems. Chairman Slaughter stated he has been signed up for the system for quite some time, adding it is a great resource that most recently helped with communications during Tropical Storm Colin. Chairman Slaughter further stated complacency with regards to emergency preparedness is a big issue, adding increased communications assist with getting everyone's attention.

**Former Wisenbaker/Amoco Service Station Continued Environmental Services**, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the agreement with AECOM, in the amount of \$95,051.00. Mr. McLeod stated staff hoped the system would be approved to come off-line in approximately three years. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how much product was still in the ground. Mr. McLeod stated the exact amount was difficult to tell; however, the project had been reduced from eight wells to two wells.

**Mosquito Identification and Testing Contract**, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the agreement between the County and Valdosta State University, in the amount of \$45,790.00. Mrs. Cumbus stated approval of the contract would allow the county to continue current mosquito monitoring protocols.

**Prison Work Details Contract Renewal**, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the contract between the County and the Georgia Department of Corrections, in the amount of \$118,500.00, for three prison details to assist road maintenance and storm water run-off services.

**Motorola Support Agreement for Offendertrak and PMDC**, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the agreement, in the amount of \$83,341.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the contract would provide support services to mobile data computers and jail inmate data base services used by the Sheriff's Office.

**Trust Deed for Brookwood Place Subdivision**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated James Warren and Associates, is developing property for the creation of Brookwood Place Subdivision. Mr. Fletcher further stated that as required, a trust deed for the proposed water system is before the Commission for consideration.

## **BID**

**Copeland Road Sidewalks**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated James Warren and Associates submitted the low bid, in the amount of \$106,109.00. Mr. Fletcher further stated a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation will fund seventy percent of the project. Commissioner Wisenbaker questioned the low bid being half of other submitted bids. Mr. Fletcher stated he had spoken with the low bidder and they were confident in their price, adding the job is bonded.

**REPORTS** – no additional information was reported.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, June 14, 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.

Chairman Slaughter presented the presence of Solicitor Justin Cabral, Judge Ellen Golden, Sheriff Chris Prine and Deputy Mike Adams.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were requested for the work session of May 23, 2016, and the regular session of May 24, 2016. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated current appointee, Mr. Greg Powell, had asked to continue to serve. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Mr. Powell for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Greg Powell was reappointed by acclamation.

**Lowndes County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Raymond Conner, had expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Conner for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Raymond Conner was reappointed by acclamation.

**South Georgia Community Service Board**, Chairman Slaughter stated that if there were no nominations, he recommended the appointment be tabled until the Commission had an opportunity to reach out to other elected officials. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to table the appointment, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Lowndes County Library Board**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating Ms. Malinda Taylor, had expressed a desire to be appointed to the seat vacated by Mr. Jack Hartley. Vice Chairman Griner nominated Ms. Taylor. There being no other nominations, Ms. Malinda Taylor, was appointed by acclamation.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

**FY 17 Grant Award - Accountability Court- for State Court**, Chairman Slaughter stated the Commission had received a presentation from Judge Ellen Golden, at the work session, regarding the establishment of a DUI Court in Lowndes County. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the application and \$10,241.00, in matching funds as required by the proposed grant, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FY 17 Grant Award - Accountability Court- for Superior Court**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the proposed grant application and match requirement of ten percent had been presented to the Commission during the work session by Accountability Court Administrator, Jennifer Fabbri. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the application and the ten percent match, as required by the grant, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Southern Region Traffic Enforcement Network (SRTEN)**, Deputy Mike Adams, presented the grant application in the amount of \$20,000.00. Deputy Adams stated the grant would be one hundred percent reimbursed to the County. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the grant would be used to train officers in smaller counties, to which Deputy Adams replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein asked if it took regular work time away from staff. Deputy Adams replied that the Sheriff allows him to do the work. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the application, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Code Red Service Agreement**, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement. Mr. Tye stated that for an additional \$5,000.00, the County could have unlimited usage of the code red system, adding it would help broaden the County's communication resources. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement and \$5,000.00, in funding, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Former Wisenbaker/Amoco Service Station Continued Environmental Services**, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented a proposal from AECOM, in the amount of \$95,051.00, for the continued monitoring of the petroleum well sites, located at 327 North Ashley Street. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the proposal and funding, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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**Trust Deed for Brookwood Place Subdivision**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the proposed trust deed. Chairman Slaughter stated he would like the staff and the Commission to take a closer look at options related to the project. Mr. Fletcher stated he was not aware of a strict timeline that would inconvenience the developer. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to table the request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BIDS**

**Copeland Road Sidewalks**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with James Warren and Associates, presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$106,109.00. Commissioner Marshall questioned the difference between the low bid and the much higher, other two bids. Mr. Fletcher stated he has asked the bidder and he says the price is good, adding that low bidder is bonded. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to award the project to low bidder, James Warren and Associates, in the amount of \$106,109.00, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – no additional information was reported.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Lawrence and Helen Williams, 2364 Smith Street, addressed the Commission regarding their neighbor's dogs being aggressive.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk