

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 11, 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 June 27, 2016, and the regular session of June 28, 2016. Written changes to the minutes were submitted by County Attorney, Walter Elliott.

APPOINTMENTS

South Georgia Community Service Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the current seat requires the appointment of an elected official. Mr. Pritchard further stated that Chairman Slaughter has agreed to serve on the board.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. Randall Crews is expiring, adding Mr. Crews has expressed a desire to continue to serve.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated current appointee, Mr. Paul Alvarado has expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2016-12 Salami, 3320 Bemiss Rd, R-21 to C-G, Community Water and Sewer, 0.44 acres, Zoning Administrator, Carmella Braswell, presented the item. Mrs. Braswell stated the applicant desires to rezone the property in an effort to develop a recreational education center to serve area school children with a focus on homeschool.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Gurwinder Singh of Two Bros. Inc. /dba Holiday Market Liquors - 3954 Old U.S. Hwy. 41 N., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that while a license had been held at the location in

the past, it was under different ownership. Ms. Black further stated all requirements for the license had been met.

Grants Management Policy and Procedures, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the policy. Ms. Black stated that policy provides a formal protocol for the management of grants to include reporting responsibilities and personnel requests, adding the policy would apply to any grants presented to and/or required to be approved by the Commission.

Evidence Based Associates Service Agreement, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement required to address \$458,592.00, in grant funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mr. Tye stated that the grant application indicated the county would continue to use Evidence Based Associates, if awarded. Mr. Tye further stated that while not fully awarded, Lowndes County would receive enough funds for two full time therapists and a supervisor. Mr. Tye added that the company would also be opening an administrative office in the county. Following presentation of the agreement, Mr. Tye provided the Commission with statistical data by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, addressing the success of programs operating in Lowndes County.

Withlacoochee River Flood Inundation Map Project, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated staff is seeking approval to proceed with a project aimed at creating a new flood inundation map, that based on a current offer would cost the county \$40,000.00 in funding after a cost share with the City of Valdosta. Mr. Tye further stated that since the flooding of 2009, staff has been working with City of Valdosta counterparts to come up with ways to improve mitigation efforts. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the majority of the flooded area and the area to be mapped was in the City, to which Mr. Tye replied yes. Chairman Slaughter stated that more information delivered sooner could have allowed citizens more time to plan in 2009, adding the new maps could help provide better data, much sooner than before. Chairman Slaughter further stated he believes the project will benefit the entire community, adding the effort has his support.

BID

Bid for Pest Control Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the bid with Astro Exterminating Services presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$6,624.00.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 12, 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 to the Flag.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 27, 2016, and the regular session of June 28, 2016. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

South Georgia Community Service Board, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard reminded the Commission the appointee is required to be an elected official, adding Chairman Slaughter had agreed to serve. Commissioner Marshall nominated Chairman Slaughter. There being no other nominations, Chairman Slaughter was appointed by acclamation. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated he appreciated Chairman Slaughter's willingness to serve.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated current appointee, Mr. Randall Crews, had expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Marshall nominated Mr. Randall Crews for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Randall Crews was reappointed by acclamation.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment stating Mr. Paul Alvarado, had expressed a desire to continue to serve. Vice Chairman Griner nominated Mr. Alvarado for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Paul Alvarado was reappointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2016-12 Salami, 3320 Bemiss Rd, R-21 to C-G, Community Water and Sewer, 0.44 acres, Zoning Administrator, Carmella Braswell, presented the item. Mrs. Braswell stated the applicant is interested in developing a development of science and recreation center for children. No one spoke against the request. Mr. Tolulope Salami, 3829 Old Vine Way, spoke in favor of the request as the applicant. Vice Chairman Griner asked how many children the location could serve, to which Mr. Salami replied fifty. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Gurwinder Singh of Two Bros. Inc. /dba Holiday Market Liquors - 3954 Old U.S. Hwy. 41 N., Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the license was needed to reopen a previously licensed location and that all requirements had been met. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the license, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Grants Management Policy and Procedures, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the policy for consideration. Ms. Black stated the new policy outlines departmental responsibilities and clears up any questions regarding personnel. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the policy as presented, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Evidence Based Associates Service Agreement, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement required for the administration of grant funds received on behalf of the Juvenile Court. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Withlacoochee River Flood Inundation Map Project, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated a funding mechanism is available that would provide for a fifty-fifty split between the City and County of \$80,000.00, in local funding required by the project. Chairman Slaughter asked if there was a deadline by which a decision needed to be made. Mr. Tye stated an agreement has to be in place by October 1, 2016, to meet federal year requirements. Commissioner Marshall asked if the item could be tabled until the next meeting, to which Mr. Tye stated yes. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to table the request until the next meeting, Commissioners Wisenbaker and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for Pest Control Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black presented the item with Astro Exterminating Services presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$6,624.00.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - none

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk