

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

APPOINTMENT

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Chairman Slaughter stated anyone with a recommendation could forward the information to County Clerk, Paige Dukes, for follow-up at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2016-13 Ed and Evelyn Lund, 4701 Knights Ferry Rd, PD-R Amendment, Community Well and Septic, ~15 acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated that since last approved by the Commission, the property owner has made some changes and additions that extend beyond the last consideration. Mr. Davenport stated the Commission is being presented with an updated site plan in order for the property owner to be in compliance with current regulations. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this would take care of the issues at hand, to which Mr. Davenport responded yes.

Abandonment of a Portion of Worthington Triangle, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, stating the Commission had made the initial required determination, adding the matter has been advertised as required. Mr. Fletcher stated abandonment would clear up the shifting of the road that occurred during routine maintenance. Chairman Slaughter clarified that the action would realign the road as it should be, to which Mr. Fletcher replied yes.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Transportation Service Contract Addendum, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the contract addendum. Mr. Fletcher stated that based on state policy and federal funding regulations, MIDS Inc., was no longer allowed to serve for reimbursement, areas identified as urban on the last census map. Mr. Fletcher further stated that due to the negative impact on citizens, the County had worked with MIDS, Inc., and GDOT to come up with a solution that would allow service to continue without interruption. Joe Pritchard, County Manager, added that if approved the proposed addendum would be in effect for one year, and cost approximately \$36,757.00.

Land Exchange between Georgia DOT and Lowndes County, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the County and GDOT were agreeing to exchange County property for a GDOT owned building on Madison Highway in order for GDOT to expand their operations center. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the County had plans for the building. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the building is in disrepair. Chairman Slaughter stated the County has had some inquiries; however, the building is not ready for use at this time.

LAS Pump Motor Repair, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the repair in the amount of \$6,789.12, to be completed by Smith Electric. Mr. Stalvey stated that after inspection, it was determined that repair is more cost effective than replacement.

Foxborough Pressure Reducing Valve/Vault, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the purchase with Standard Contractors submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$8,987.00. Mr. Stalvey stated the valve is needed to address high pressure complaints resulting from the installation of a new booster pump.

ACCG IRMA Liability Program Renewal, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$594,253.00. Mr. Beals stated the cost presented is inclusive of all safety rebates and dividend credits. Mr. Beals further stated that after an evaluation of the prior year's utilization, staff recommends renewal at current deductible levels.

Withlacoochee River Flood Inundation Map Project, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated that if supported, the project would provide a flood inundation map to assist with determining flooding impacts in the future. Mr. Tye provided the Commission with statistics indicating that out of ninety-four structures impacted by the process, eighty-five are inside the city limits of Valdosta and nine are in the unincorporated area. Mr. Tye further stated that a local cost share is available in the amount of \$80,000.00, that could be split between the City and the County. Vice Chairman Griner asked the amount of the total project cost, to which Mr. Tye stated \$135,000.00.

Worthington Triangle Right-of-Way Quitclaim Deeds, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the deeds. Mr. Fletcher stated the deeds will properly align the right-

of-way on Worthington Triangle, to accurately reflect what is a part of the platted right-of-way and what should be returned to Mrs. Eleanor McGowan.

REPORTS – County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the Commission with two dates, August 16 and 23, on which to hold the three meetings required for the County to set the millage rate.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:49 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 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 July 11, 2016, and the regular session of July 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.

APPOINTMENT

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment, stating it does not currently have a recommendation. Chairman Slaughter stated Commissioner Evans has a potential nominee, she would like to contact. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to table the appointment, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2016-13 Ed and Evelyn Lund, 4701 Knights Ferry Rd, PD-R Amendment, Community Well and Septic, ~15 acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item with an updated site plan for consideration. Mr. Davenport stated both Planning Commission and TRC recommended approval with no conditions, based on the current site plan. No one spoke against the request. Jimmy Cone, 1306 Plum Street, spoke in favor of the request, on behalf of the applicant. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the amendment and updated site plan, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of a Portion of Worthington Triangle, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item, stating the Commission had made the initial determination as required. No one spoke against the abandonment. Mrs. Eleanor McGowan, spoke in favor of the request as the property owner. Mrs. McGowan thanked the Commission for their consideration and County Attorney, Walter Elliott, for assisting with the process. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to abandon the right of way, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Transportation Service Contract Addendum, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the addendum with MIDS, Inc., in the amount of \$36,757.00. Mr. Fletcher stated that if approved, MIDS, Inc., could continue to provide services to areas now classified as urban by the last census. Chairman Slaughter stated that based on information provided by MIDS, Inc., seventy-three percent of ridership is in the urban area. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the addendum and additional funding, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Land Exchange between Georgia DOT and Lowndes County, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented Quitclaim Deeds between the County and GDOT for the exchange of County property for a GDOT owned building on Madison Highway. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Quitclaim Deed and accept the Quitclaim Deed from GDOT, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

LAS Pump Motor Repair, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request in the amount of \$6,789.12, to allow Smith Electric to repair a pump motor needed for the County's spray field. Vice Chairman Griner asked what a new pump would cost, to which Mr. Stalvey replied around \$20,000.00. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to authorize the repair as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Foxborough Pressure Reducing Valve/Vault, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to purchase a pressure reducing valve to address complaints related to the installation of a new booster pump. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$8,987.00, from low bidder Standard Contractors, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ACCG IRMA Liability Program Renewal, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$594,253.00, with a staff recommendation to maintain current deductible levels. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Evans 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 staff needs direction on how to proceed. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Tye and City of Valdosta, Assistant Engineer, Emily Davenport, for their work on the project to date. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve moving forward with the project, Vice Chairman Griner second. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, asked for clarification on the motion with regards to funding. Commissioner Marshall clarified his motion to reflect authorization to move forward with the County to consider funding up to \$40,000.00, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Worthington Triangle Right-of-Way Quitclaim Deeds, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the deeds. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, stated the deeds have been updated to reflect the current date, being that Mrs. McGowan already signed. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve and authorize the exchange of tracts identified on the proposed Quitclaim deeds, accept the proposed Quitclaim Deed from Eleanor McGowan to the County, and approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the proposed Quitclaim deed from the County to Mrs. McGowan, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, thanked the Commission for looking into his proposal related to the proposed flood inundation map project.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk