

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, August 8, 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 25, 2016, and the regular session of July 26, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

County Appointment - Valdosta/Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. John McCall is expiring and Mr. McCall has expressed a desire to continue to serve.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

TWR-2016-01 Verizon Wireless, 4278 Lakeland Highway, 0210-002, E-A, New ~100' Tower, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the applicant would like to construct a 100' telecommunications tower to serve Verizon Wireless. Mr. Davenport stated staff and the applicant had worked with Moody Air Force Base to ensure the tower height would not encroach on the base's air space. Further, both the TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval.

Abandonment of Strong Road (CR 250), County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated the County received a request to abandon Strong Road from its intersection with Hardee Road to its dead end, a length of 0.54 miles. Mr. Fletcher stated the section has been behind a gate for more than twenty years and was recently discovered while researching a plat.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Adopt Resolution accepting Infrastructure for Grammercy Subdivision Phase II, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the infrastructure is officially complete and if accepted, the final plat would be signed right away.

Execution of the Resolution for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the resolution. Mr. Fletcher stated if approved, the County would recover \$8,233.30, in revenue from the fund. Mr. Fletcher further stated the amount represented the County's reimbursable expenses related to the monitoring of the closed landfill in Clyattville.

Speed Zone Ordinance, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the ordinance. Mr. Fletcher stated the Georgia Department of Transportation requires a periodic update of the ordinance and that the only change indicated is related to the speed on Highway 84 in front of Kinderlou Forest.

Declaration of Surplus Items for Fire Department, EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a list of items of no further use to Lowndes County Fire Rescue. Mr. Tye stated the list contained outdated or broken supplies and equipment that are not eligible for resale due to condition and/or safety. Mr. Tye further stated once declared, the items would be recycled or disposed of.

Firehouse Software Upgrade, EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented the upgrade in the amount of \$14,420.00. Mr. Tye stated the County's software has not been updated for more than ten years and is no longer supported by the state vendor. Vice Chairman Griner asked how long the funds would support the system. Mr. Tye stated one year, adding subsequent maintenance will cost \$5,600.00, per year.

Moody AFB Water/Wastewater Treatment Systems Contract, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the contract for water/wastewater services. Mr. Stalvey stated County officials and staff have worked with air force representatives to put together an agreement that will allow the County to provide services for a total of \$1,854,206.85, over a five-year period.

Contract with Condrey and Associates, Inc., Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the contract in the amount of 12,500.00. Mr. Beals stated Condrey and Associates, Inc., will conduct a job description analysis that will update the resources available to hiring supervisors and limit the County's risk related to performance.

Bulk Computer Purchase, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the purchase from Dell, in the amount of \$50,944.05, for the bulk purchase of computers and related equipment at the state contract price. Mr. Kostyu stated the bulk purchase provides for additional discounts from Dell.

BIDS

Bid for Equipment for Fire Apparatus, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Municipal Equipment submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$31,511.00. Ms. Black stated the equipment meets standards set forth by NFPA, while also meeting ISO requirements.

Bid for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Thermo Fisher presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$22,748.12. Ms. Black stated the equipment is needed to provide what is required for a new pumper.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, asked EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, to provide the Commission with information related to the Zika virus and the possible impact it could have on Lowndes County. Mr. Tye indicated his office is working closely with Public Health and Georgia Emergency Management, adding the County's mosquito program continues to operate within guidelines set forth by the CDC for rural areas.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:58 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 9, 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.

The Commission recognized the retirement of Mr. Jerry Wallace, Lowndes County Engineering Department, for twenty-three years of service.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 25, 2016, and the regular session of July 26, 2016. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

County Appointment - Valdosta/Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. John McCall, is expiring and Mr. McCall has expressed an interest in being reappointed. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Mr. McCall for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. McCall was appointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

TWR-2016-01 Verizon Wireless, 4278 Lakeland Highway, 0210-002, E-A, New ~100' Tower, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the request represents the interest of Verizon Wireless related to the construction of a telecommunications tower. No one spoke against the request. On behalf of the applicant, Andy Rotenstreich, 420 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, stated the tower will close a significant gap in coverage and will be able to accommodate two additional carriers. Bill Bryan, 3568 Rouse Drive, spoke on behalf of Moody Air Force Base, stating the Air Force is satisfied with the proposed plan and tower height. Mr. Bryan added the coverage

capability would also help with the base's signal needs. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request with the condition the tower be lighted in conjunction with standards set forth by MAFB and the FAA, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of Strong Road (CR 250), County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the 0.54 mile of road has been behind a gate for more than twenty years and was recently discovered through plat research. Mr. Fletcher stated the road has not been used and that abandoning it will not land lock any parcels. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion determining the road has ceased to be used to the extent that no public purpose is served by it, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Adopt Resolution accepting Infrastructure for Grammercy Subdivision Phase II, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the resolution stating all work has been completed and that if accepted, the final plat will be signed immediately. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the infrastructure, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Execution of the Resolution for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the resolution providing for reimbursement to the County in the amount of \$8,233.30. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the resolution, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Speed Zone Ordinance, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the ordinance, required by the Georgia Department of Transportation to update speed limits on roads in Lowndes County. Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Declaration of Surplus Items for Fire Department, EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a list of items of no use to the fire department. Mr. Tye stated the items are out of date and/or broken and are of no value. Commissioner Orenstein asked if any of the items could benefit another department. Mr. Tye stated due to the condition and age of the equipment, it would not be safe to use. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to declare the items surplus as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Firehouse Software Upgrade, EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented the upgrade in the amount of \$14,420.00. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the upgrade, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Moody AFB Water/Wastewater Treatment Systems Contract, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the contract between the Air Force and Lowndes County for the County to provide water/sewer services to Moody AFB, at a cost of \$1,854,206.85, over a five-year period. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter stated it took a lot of work and focused effort by a lot of people to get to this point, adding the P4 Initiative is a win-win for local governments and the Department of Defense. Chairman Slaughter further stated the project has garnered national attention and that he is proud County officials and staff could be a part of it.

Contract with Condrey and Associates, Inc., Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the contract in the amount of \$12,500.00, to provide updated job descriptions for all County positions. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the contract, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bulk Computer Purchase, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item in the amount of 50,944.05, for computers and related equipment from Dell. Mr. Kostyu stated the total represents the state contract price and a bulk discount from Dell. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried

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REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk