

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, August 22, 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 August 8, 2016, and the regular session of August 9, 2016. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adoption of Millage**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission would hold the final public hearing the following evening at 5:00 p.m., prior to considering the millage at the regular meeting.

**Declaration of Surplus - Computer Equipment**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the ITS Department is in possession of computer equipment and related components that are no longer of use. Ms. Black further stated that once declared surplus, the items would be listed on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

**Core Network Equipment Refresh**, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item in the amount of \$735,449.90. Mr. Kostyu stated Cisco has presented the County with an option to finance the purchase over five years, at an annual zero interest rate of approximately \$147,000.00, per year. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long the new equipment would last, to which Mr. Kostyu replied eight to ten years.

**Generator Service and Load Bank**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a proposal from Cowart Electric, in the amount of \$33,362.30. Mr. Stalvey stated his department has a total of forty-five generators at various locations that are in need of annual testing and maintenance, adding the proposal will allow the equipment to remain within manufacturer recommendations for maintenance.

## REPORTS

Lowndes County Extension Agent Coordinator, Jake Price, introduced Lowndes County's newest agent, Michasia Dowdy.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:35 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, August 23, 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.

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

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of Cub Scout Pack 400, City of Valdosta Councilwoman, Sandra Tooley, LCSO Captain (retired) Carl Smith, and Tax Commissioner, Felicia Williams.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 8, 2016, and the regular session of August 9, 2016. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adoption of Millage**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the proposed 2016 millage rate at 11.224 mills. Ms. Black stated the County has held three public meetings as required by law, prior to setting the millage. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to set the county wide millage at 11.224 mills with the County receiving 8.974 mills, the Industrial Authority receiving 1.00 mill, and the Parks and Recreation Authority receiving 1.25 mills, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Chairman Slaughter expressed his support of the Commission's action.

**Declaration of Surplus - Computer Equipment**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a list of computer equipment no longer needed by the County. Commissioner Marshall asked if the revenue from [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) would go back into the general fund, to which Ms. Black replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to declare the list of items surplus, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Core Network Equipment Refresh**, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item in the amount of \$735,449.90. Mr. Kostyu stated the current equipment had either reached end of life, or would within the next year. Mr. Kostyu further stated the Commission had the option of financing the equipment with Bank of America at zero percent interest, for five years. Commissioner Marshall asked if the payments would be made monthly. Mr. Kostyu stated he believed the agreement required an annual payment. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase and financing agreement, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Generator Service and Load Bank**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a proposal from Cowart Electric, in the amount of \$33,362.30. Mr. Stalvey stated the proposal would provide annual service for forty-five generators used by the Utilities Department. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the proposal from Cowart Electric, in the amount of \$33,362.30, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**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 5:58 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk