

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, February 10, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Chairman Slaughter called the work session to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 27, 2020, and the regular session of January 28, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer License - Robert Stier of H & I Food Stop, Inc. DBA H & I Food Stop - 8235 Hwy. 122 W., Hahira, GA

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated all requirements for the license have been met, adding the request is due to a change in ownership.

Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way - Hart Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has not opened the right of way, adding the owners are requesting it be deeded back to them. Mr. Fletcher further stated the county will maintain a water/sewer easement.

Tyler New World Corrections Addendum

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated the proposed addendum in the amount of \$99,700.00, will provide software needed by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office as a part of the public safety package that is currently being implemented. Mr. Kostyu further stated the request is being presented as an addendum because there has been a change in the modules that Tyler is implementing.

Lake Park Annexation and Rezoning of Register Property

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the County has received a notice of petition to Lake Park to annex and rezone property referred to as the Register property. Mr. Pritchard further stated the property is located between Highway 41, Lake Park Road and 4-H Club Road, adding the Commission rezoned the property in 2017 to R-10 subject to conditions including minimum lot size of 14,250 square feet and that all lots face interior roads. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, explained the Georgia statute governing the Commissioners authority to object to the annexation. Mr. Elliott stated that if there is an objection, it must be delivered via mail by February 24, 2020.

2020 Public Defender Contracts

Southern Judicial Circuit Public Defender, Wade Krueger, presented the item. Mr. Krueger stated the agreement is being presented as a renewal, adding there are no changes to the contract. Mr. Krueger also thanked the Commission for the new building his offices have recently relocated to.

BID

Paving - Arglass Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the bid with The Scruggs Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$789,567.21.

REPORTS

No additional information was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:54 a.m. and reminded the Commission and those in attendance of the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, February 10, 2020 - 5:30 PM

Commissioners Present:
Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Chairman Slaughter called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 27, 2020, and the regular session of January 28, 2020. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

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Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way - Hart Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way is at the end of Hart Road and not accessible to the public due to a gate. Mr. Fletcher stated that if abandoned, the County will retain access to a water/sewer easement. Commissioner Griner made a motion indicating the road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent no public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Tyler New World Corrections Addendum

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item in the amount of \$99,700.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the software is a part of the public safety package being used by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Lake Park Annexation and Rezoning of Register Property

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Chairman Slaughter called on City of Lake Park Attorney, Rob Plumb, to provide some explanation to the Commission. Mr. Rob Plumb, 1007 North Patterson Street, stated that while he could not comment on behalf of the City of Lake Park City Council, it is his understanding that they would like to continue to work on any issues the County may have related to Lake Park annexing the remaining portion of 4-H Club Road. Chairman Slaughter stated Lowndes County would like to move forward by trusting Lake Park to continue to work with the county until the issue is resolved. Mr. Plumb stated he believes Lake Park would prefer to work it out as well. Commissioner Griner made a motion indicating the Commission does not object to the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. Commissioners Griner, Orenstein, Evans and Vice Chairman Marshall voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

2020 Public Defender Contracts

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the renewal. Mr. Pritchard stated Southern Judicial Circuit Public Defender, Wade Krueger, reported to the Commission during the work session. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the renewal, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Paving - Arglass Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with The Scruggs Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$789,567.21. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the low bid 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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slaughter thanked the Commission for their preparation and input during the Commission's recently held annual planning retreat. Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:44 p.m.