

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, February 27, 2017

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Vice Chairman Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Clay Griner

Chairman Slaughter, Commissioner Marshall and Commissioner Wisenbaker were not in attendance.

Vice Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 13, 2017, and the regular session of February 14, 2017. No changes to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Crossing Closure Agreement Between CSX Transportation, Inc. and Lowndes County, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement has been updated to address only the closing of the Dasher Johnson Road location.

Right of Entry Agreement with CSX for Old Quitman Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the permit, in the amount of \$4,250.00, will allow the county, Lovell Engineering, and TTL to enter the railroad's right of way to begin work on the project.

Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated adoption of the policy before the Commission is required by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Fletcher stated minor changes have been made to the policy since last adoption by the Commission.

Bid

Bid On Twelve Pursuit Vehicles for The Sheriff's Office, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$287,340.00, for twelve Dodge Chargers to be used as pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Black further stated the vehicles would be purchased using SPLOST VII funds, adding additional items would still be needed to equip the vehicles for use.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Vice Chairman Evans adjourned the work session at 8:34 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Vice Chairman Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Clay Griner
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Chairman Slaughter and Commissioner Wisenbaker were not in attendance.

Vice Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Thomas Griner, son of Commissioner Clay Griner, gave the Invocation to include a moment of silence for Lowndes County Sheriff's Office Deputy Chris Butler. Deputy Butler completed his last watch on February 25, as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Deputy Butler was responding to back up a fellow deputy in response to a domestic violence call. Following the Invocation, Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 13, 2017, and the regular session of February 14, 2017. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Crossing Closure Agreement Between CSX Transportation, Inc. and Lowndes County, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement has been revised to include the Dasher Johnson location only. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Right of Entry Agreement with CSX for Old Quitman Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement in the amount of \$4,250.00, will allow entry by the engineering department and other professional consultants for the completion of required engineering services. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated approval of the policy is required by the Georgia Department of Transportation as a part of the county's 5311 transportation system. Commissioner Marshall asked if the policy pertains to the drivers, to which Mr. Fletcher replied yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the policy as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bid

Bid On Twelve Pursuit Vehicles for The Sheriff's Office, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$287,340.00, for twelve Dodge Chargers to be used as pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Black stated the cars would be funded through SPLOST VII collections. Commissioner Marshall questioned the cost of maintaining the vehicles based on past analysis. Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, stated the cost savings on the purchase outweighs additional maintenance costs. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase from the low bidder as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Leslie Jacobs, 5866 Bradford Road North, addressed the Commission requesting improvements to Bradford Road North for the benefit of those receiving therapy services at the Jacob's Ladder riding facility.

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Vice Chairman Evans adjourned the regular meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk