

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 9, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

Special Presentation by Attorney Haynes Studstill on Opioid Litigation, on behalf of the Studstill Law Firm, Attorney Haynes Studstill addressed the Commission regarding a federal opioid litigation initiative that is being discussed across the country. Mrs. Studstill informed the Commission that her firm would be interested in partnering with Lowndes County if the Commission chose to participate in the litigation.

Proclamation Presentation to The Teen Explosion Youth Action Group, Chairman Slaughter stated the proclamation would be presented during the regular meeting.

Telecommunications Week Proclamation Presentation, Chairman Slaughter stated the proclamation would be presented during the regular meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 26, 2018, and the regular session of March 27, 2018. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2018-08 Hughes, 4968 Lakeland Hwy, E-A to R-1, Well And Septic, 2.81 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the applicant would like to bring two residential lots into compliance for the purpose of developing them in the future.

REZ-2018-09, Camp Rock, PD-R to PD-R (Amendment), 4391 Rocky Ford Rd, Well and Septic, ~59 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the request. Mr. Davenport stated the Commission recently approved a PD-R for Camp Rock that included a commercial kitchen. Mr. Davenport further stated Camp Rock representatives have requested a change that will allow for food trucks since the installment of a commercial

kitchen is more than can be addressed with current funding. Mr. Davenport added that staff has not received any opposition from neighbors regarding the proposed change.

REZ-2018-10 Grace Lake, Enoch Lake Rd & Enoch Lake Cir, ~20 Acres, 1 Lot, (P-D) To (R-10), County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated an owner would like to deed property to their daughter and son in law for the purpose of building a home. Mr. Davenport further stated there is a master plan that was previously approved for the site; however, property owners have not moved forward with the development, adding staff's recommendations would allow for a home to be built on twenty acres.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum of Agreement for Right of Way Phase of the Old Quitman Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the right of way phase of the Old Quitman Road Bridge replacement project. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement provides for Lowndes County to pay fifty percent of the estimated \$140,000.00, in right of way cost associated with the project.

Update to the Lowndes County Thoroughfare Plan, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the updated plan. Mr. Fletcher stated the plan is updated as needed to reflect changes in the unincorporated area. Mr. Fletcher further stated the proposed draft includes the allowance of speed humps, a provision detailing the purchase of roads signs from Public Works, and an increase in the quality of materials used for pavement markings and paint.

FY 2019 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request for Proposals, EMA Director and interim Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a request in the amount of \$449,735.44, in grant funds utilized by Juvenile Court to administer therapy services. Mr. Tye further stated that with the Commissions' permission, there is an opportunity to participate in a grant the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council would like to apply for on behalf of several counties. Mr. Tye explained the additional grant would provide for the funding of strengthening families programs, that have been available in the past. Chairman Slaughter asked if the Commission would like to add the second grant to their consideration at the regular meeting. There were no objections from the Commission. Juvenile Court Judge James Council was also in attendance, stating he was available to answer any questions the Commission might have. Judge Council further stated he feels the grants are the best avenue available to reach at risk youth and their families.

Update on Solicitor-General's VAWA Grant Award, State Solicitor, Justin Cabral, addressed the commission to request \$16,667.00, in matching funds needed to fulfill the County's portion of a recently awarded VAWA Grant. Solicitor Cabral stated he would not hire the new solicitor provided for by the grant until July 1, so that the matching funds could be included in the upcoming budget.

Declaration of Surplus Items and Authorization for Disposal, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a list of items no longer needed by the county computer/printing hardware and vehicles. Ms. Black stated the items will be listed for sale on www.govdeals.com.

BID

Bid for Firefighter Turnout Gear, Ms. Black presented a request to purchase twelve full sets of turnout gear for Lowndes County Fire Rescue, with Thermo Fisher Scientific presenting the low bid in the total amount of \$24,444.36.

Resurfacing of Four County Roads, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the bid with The Scruggs Company presenting the low bid in the amount of \$1,605,425.96. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County will be responsible for \$454,216.05, of the total project cost, adding Howell Road, Knights Academy Road, Rocky Ford Road, and Shiloh Road, will all be improved as a part of the project.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, asked Fire Marshall, Lloyd Green, to update the Commission regarding a recent class he hosted at the Lowndes County Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Green informed those in attendance that thirty-six individuals presenting various fire departments, engineering firms, and architects received information on the Americans with Disabilities Act from Senior ADA Architect, Steven Jones.

At 9:06 a.m., Commissioner Evans made a motion to enter into executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege for the purpose of discussing pending or potential litigation.

At 9:30 a.m., Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting. No other discussion took place.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

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REGULAR SESSION
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Slaughter called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Chairman Slaughter welcomed representatives from a local Boy Scout troop and from the Lowndes Youth Leadership League.

Special Presentation by Attorney Haynes Studstill on Opioid Litigation, this presentation was heard during the work session.

Proclamation Presentation to The Teen Explosion Youth Action Group, Chairman Slaughter and the Commission recognized the group for their leadership efforts and for their alcohol-free initiative. Representatives were presented with a framed proclamation.

Telecommunications Week Proclamation Presentation, Chairman Slaughter and the Commission recognized 911 Director, Danny Weeks, and his staff in observance of National Telecommunications Week. Chairman Slaughter also announced that 2018 celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lowndes County 911 Center.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 26, 2018, and the regular session of March 27, 2018. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2018-08 Hughes, 4968 Lakeland Hwy, E-A to R-1, Well And Septic, 2.81 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. No one spoke against the request. Marcus Hughes, 4968 Lakeland Highway, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Hughes stated approval of his request will enable him to purchase adjoining property. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2018-09, Camp Rock, PD-R to PD-R (Amendment), 4391 Rocky Ford Rd, Well and Septic, ~59 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the request before the Commission represents a need from Camp Rock to utilize mobile food services instead of a commercial kitchen. No one spoke against the request. Jack Langdale, 701 North Patterson Street, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of Camp Rock. Mr. Langdale stated approval of the request will allow Camp Rock to move forward without the added expense of a full commercial kitchen. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2018-10 Grace Lake, Enoch Lake Rd & Enoch Lake Cir, ~20 Acres, 1 Lot, (P-D) To (R-10), County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated staff would like to update their recommendation to include R-1, instead of R-10. Mr. Davenport further stated R-10 is already across the street and will allow the property owners to also build a guest house. No one spoke against the request. Kaitlyn Tucker, 4965 Princess Drive, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request by rezoning the property as R-1 and not R-10, as requested by the applicant, Commissioners Wisenbaker and Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum of Agreement for Right Of Way Phase of the Old Quitman Road Bridge Replacement Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Fletcher stated the agreement provides for the County and GDOT to evenly divide the proposed right of way cost, estimated at \$140,000.00. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioners Wisenbaker and Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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funding of strengthening families programs, that have been available in the past. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request to include the additional letter needed for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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Declaration of Surplus Items and Authorization for Disposal, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a list of items to include computer hardware and vehicles, that are no longer needed by the county. Commissioner Marshall asked if county employees could bid as well, to which Ms. Black replied yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to declare the items surplus and list them on www.govdeals.com, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD – none

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk