

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, May 7, 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.

Retirement Recognition-Volunteer Firefighters, Chairman Slaughter stated the firefighters will be recognized during the regular meeting.

Proclamation Presentations for National Drug Court Month, Chairman Slaughter stated the proclamations will be presented during regular meeting

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 23, 2018, and the regular session of April 24, 2018. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Steve Everett, will expire May 21, 2018. Mr. Pritchard further stated that Mr. George Page has also expressed an interest in being appointed. Chairman Slaughter stated any additional candidates need to submit their information to be considered.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Probation Resolution and Services Agreement, Ferlisha Rountree, Probation Director, presented a resolution establishing the Lowndes County Probation Office and a services agreement required by the State of Georgia. Mrs. Rountree stated Lowndes County is currently listed as pending with the state and that upon approval of the agreement her office will be ready to move forward. Commissioner Griner asked if the proposed fee schedule is in line with other counties in the area, to which Mrs. Rountree replied yes. Commissioner Griner asked if probationers will be paying for the services they are ordered to receive, to which Mrs. Rountree replied yes.

Agreement from ProntoTrak, Inc. for Electronic Monitoring, Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the contract. Mrs. Rountree stated the Sheriff's Office and DUI court use the same provider. Commissioner Griner questioned the cost to the county. Mrs. Rountree stated probationers would pay their individual monitoring fees with the only cost to the county being lost or damaged equipment.

Purchase of Wetland Credits for North Lowndes Park Soccer Complex, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a proposal from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$57,200.00, for the purchase of wetland credits required by the development of the North Lowndes Park Soccer Complex.

Adopt a Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Georgia Department of Transportation forwarded the manual for consideration as required by the department's 5311 transportation system. Mr. Fletcher stated Finance Director, Stephanie Black, has also reviewed the draft.

Wisconsin Public Finance Authority Bond Issue, County Attorney, Walter Elliott, presented the item. Mr. Elliott stated the process requires approval from City Council or the Board of Commissioners, adding the applicant has chosen the Commission. Mr. Elliott further stated approval will not create a financial obligation for Lowndes County, adding the request is not out of the ordinary.

Hay Lease Agreement Amendment, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the amended lease will allow the relationship between the contractor and Lowndes County to continue while meeting requirements set forth by the Environmental Protection Division.

Bevel Creek Lift Station Pump, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to purchase a new pump from Xylem Inc., in the amount of \$41,109.10. Mr. Stalvey stated the lift station is currently running on two pumps, adding the location currently delivers sixty percent of the system's wastewater to the land application site.

Modification of GEFA Loan Agreement, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a modification to a previously executed GEFA loan agreement. Mr. Stalvey stated the only changes to the agreement address project schedule dates. Mr. Stalvey further stated the modification does not alter the amount of the loan.

BIDS

Bid for Coffee Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Lighthouse Coffee Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$11,935.38. Commissioner Griner asked which vendor the county currently uses for coffee services to which Ms. Black replied Variety Vending. Variety Vending also submitted a bid in the amount of \$12,648.75.

Bid for Water Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with DS Services of America submitting the sole bid in the amount of 5,857.80.

North Lowndes Park Soccer Complex, Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item with Standard Contractors presenting the low bid in the amount of \$5,833,957.00. Mr. McLeod stated the county received thirteen bids with the low bidder coming in over budget. Mr. McLeod further stated staff worked with the low bidder to value engineer the project down to the total presented for consideration.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, requested consideration of a firm to represent Lowndes County in potential opioid litigation be added to the agenda for the regular meeting. Chairman Slaughter stated that if there are no objections, the item will be added to the agenda as requested. No further discussion took place.

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:44 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

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MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Wisenbaker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Retirement Recognition - Volunteer Firefighters, Chairman Slaughter called on EMA Director and Interim Fire Chief Ashley Tye. On behalf of Lowndes County, Chief Tye recognized Firefighter Scott Colwell for many years of service to the citizens of Lowndes County. Chairman Slaughter and the Commission echoed Chief Tye's recognition of Firefighter Colwell.

Proclamation Presentations for National Drug Court Month, on behalf of the Commission, Chairman Slaughter read and presented proclamations to the State Court of Lowndes County and the Lowndes County Superior Court in recognition of their efforts related to accountability courts in Lowndes County.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the attendance of members from the Leadership Lowndes Class of 2018.

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Chairman Orenstein made a motion to table the appointment until the next regular meeting of the Commission, Commissioner Griner second. Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioners Evans and Griner voted in favor of the motion, Commissioners Wisenbaker and Marshall opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Probation Resolution and Services Agreement, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the agreement. Mr. Pritchard stated Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the documents during the work session. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the resolution and agreement, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Agreement from ProntoTrak, Inc. for Electronic Monitoring, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the contract for the use of ankle monitoring on behalf of Lowndes County Probation. Commissioner Marshall asked if the contract period is for one year, to which Mr. Pritchard replied yes. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Purchase of Wetland Credits for North Lowndes Park Soccer Complex, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a proposal from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$57,200.00, for the purchase of wetland credits required by the development of the North Lowndes Park Soccer Complex. Commissioner Marshall asked for an additional explanation. Mr. Fletcher stated that in order to improve the site, credits have to be purchased to offset the development. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioners Evans and Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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Modification of GEFA Loan Agreement, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a modification to a previously executed GEFA loan agreement. Mr. Stalvey stated the only changes to the agreement address project schedule dates. Mr. Stalvey further stated the modification does not alter the amount of the loan. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the modification as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Selection of a Legal Firm for Opioid Litigation, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the county has received two proposals, one from the Blasingame Firm and one from the Studstill firm. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to grant representation to the Studstill Firm and asked the County Attorney to prepare the required documents, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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if the project would close out SPLOST VI, to which Mr. McLeod replied yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to award the project to Standard Contractors in the amount of \$5,833,957.00, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. McLeod for his hard work, adding the project will do well in his hands moving forward.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk