

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, May 21, 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.

Lowndes County Extension Agent, Jake Price, introduced two new members of his staff, Mrs. Lynn Hall and Mr. Andy Carter. Chairman Slaughter welcomed Mrs. Hall and Mr. Carter and thanked them for their dedication to agriculture in Lowndes County.

**Valdosta- Lowndes County Industrial Authority Series 2018 Bonds (Work Session)**, Valdosta- Lowndes County Development Authority Director, Andrea Schruijer, and Board Chairman, Tom Call, addressed the Commission regarding the authority's intent to refinance bonds the authority is currently paying on in an effort to save approximately \$700,000.00.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 7, 2018, and the regular session of May 8, 2018. No changes to the minutes were submitted.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Steve Everett is expiring, adding Mr. Everett has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mr. George Page also expressed a desire to serve; however, he was recently appointed by the City of Valdosta. No other names were presented.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**2018 GA DCA EIP and EDA Grant Requests**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the request. Mr. Davenport stated staff is presenting the grants for consideration at the request of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority. Mr.

Davenport further stated the grants will benefit a project the authority is working to locate in Lowndes County.

**Additional Deputy Coroner Request**, Lowndes County Coroner, Austin Fiveash, addressed the Commission regarding his need for an additional deputy coroner. Mr. Fiveash stated that while his office does have mutual aid agreements with other counties, there can still be a delay in response. Commissioner Griner asked if the Coroner would need any additional equipment, to which Mr. Fiveash replied no, adding everything will be shared. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked who is currently serving as a deputy coroner, to which Mr. Fiveash replied, Tommy Willis. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked how many calls the coroner usually receives, to which Mr. Fiveash replied approximately four-hundred annually.

**Shredding Contract from River Mill Data Management**, Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the contract in the amount of \$270.00 per year. Mrs. Rountree stated Probation is required to shred any documents created that include confidential information, if the documents do not become a part of the probationer's file.

**Opioid Litigation**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the Commission recently approved the Studstill Firm to represent the County in the proposed opioid litigation. Mr. Pritchard further stated the County Attorney has prepared the required resolution to move forward, adding it is ready for the Commission's consideration.

**BID**

**Bid for Exterior Cleaning for the Judicial/Administrative Complex**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with ABM submitting the low bid in the amount of \$32,893.00. Ms. Black stated a representative for the low bidder notified staff that ABM left out equipment needed for the work that would have increased the bid by \$10,000.00.

**REPORTS** – no additional information was reported.

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:43 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, May 22, 2018

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

Vice Chairman Orenstein was not in attendance.

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

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

In recognition of National EMS Week, the Chairman and Commission presented South Georgia Medical Center Emergency Services Director, David Bauch, and his staff with a proclamation expressing the county's appreciation for their services.

**Valdosta- Lowndes County Industrial Authority Series 2018 Bonds (Work Session)**, this item was addressed during the work session.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 7, 2018, and the regular session of May 8, 2018. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta- Lowndes County Airport Authority**, Chairman Slaughter presented the appointment, stating Mr. Steve Everett has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Griner nominated Mr. Steve Everett. There being no other nominations, Mr. Everett was reappointed by acclamation.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**2018 GA DCA EIP and EDA Grant Requests**, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the grants for consideration. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the grants as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Additional Deputy Coroner Request**, Chairman Slaughter presented the request, stating the Commission heard from the Coroner during the work session. Commissioner Evans made a motion to table the request until the next meeting, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Shredding Contract from River Mill Data Management**, Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the contract in the amount of \$270.00 per year. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Opioid Litigation**, Chairman Slaughter presented the resolution to retain the Studstill firm to represent Lowndes County in the proposed opioid litigation. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

**Bid for Exterior Cleaning for the Judicial/Administrative Complex**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black presented the bid. Ms. Black stated that as mentioned during the work session, low bidder ABM has notified the county their bid is \$10,000.00, lower than it should be due to ABM failing to include equipment needed for the project. Chairman Slaughter stated the Commission could approve the bid as submitted or rebid the work. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to throw out the bid and rebid it, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** – no additional information was reported.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Gretchen Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, invited the Commission to attend the Wild and Scenic film festival on May 31.

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk