

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, June 11, 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.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 21, 2018, and the regular session of May 22, 2018. No changes to the minutes were submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2018-11 McMullen, Johnson Road S., R-21 to R-A, County Water & Septic, 8.751 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item stating no one spoke against this request at the Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what was the reason for the recommendation of denial from zoning, Mr. Davenport stated that the Zoning Administrator, Carmella Braswell, was concerned with some of the R-A uses next to residential properties. Chairman Slaughter asked would the property owner, rather than subdivide, like to market this as a whole, Mr. Davenport stated that the survey indicates one large mini-farm lot, but that the property would be able to reasonably accommodate two mini-farm lots.

REZ-2018-12 Stubbs Storage, 6125 Union Rd, E-A to C-G, Well and Septic, 12.81 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented this item stating a change in zoning on a 12.81 acre property from E-A zoning to C-G zoning for a commercial mini storage use, including both internal and external storage on the property. Staff recommended approval with one condition regarding buffering. The Planning Commission went further and, after hearing from the opposition, recommended for an additional condition limiting some of the allowable uses. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked regarding the storage units, if they were inward facing, Mr. Davenport responded yes that current regulations required them to be. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked about the proposed buffers, Mr. Davenport responded he was satisfied with 10 feet.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Motorola Support Agreement, ITS Representative, Paul Basehore, presented the item in the amount of \$90,966.00. Mr. Basehore stated the agreement will continue to support software and licenses in use by the Sheriff's Office.

Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI- State Court, Judge Ellen Golden, presented this item stating the Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of \$113,934.00; with a 10% match by the county in the amount of \$12,659.33. Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total of \$40,319.00.

Service Contract for the Logisys CAD System, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the agreement with Logisys, in the amount of \$35,913.00. Mr. Weeks stated this contract will provide the required licensing and twenty-four hour support.

Additional Deputy Coroner Request, Chairman Slaughter stated Lowndes County Coroner, Austin Fiveash, spoke at the May 21, 2018 work session meeting regarding this request. No additional discussion took place between the commissioners.

Solicitor General's VOCA Supplemental Grant Application, Solicitor General, Justin Cabral, presented this item for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) supplemental grant application. This award period is from July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018. This award would not be renewed annually. This supplemental grant would be used to fund education and training which will allow all three victim advocates to obtain certification. There is no financial impact on the county budget.

GDOT Option to Purchase Property at Exit 11, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated that Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) needs to acquire property that the county owns at SR31/Madison Highway at I-75 Interchange. Chairman Slaughter asked how much property to which Mr. Fletcher replied .013 acres or 541.49 square feet.

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Mukeshkumar Patel of Prince & Shiva Corporation DBA Liquor King, 4960 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented this item stating this is a new establishment requesting beer, wine and liquor consumption off premises. This location was formerly a hardware store.

BID

Bid for Fire Engine #10 Equipment, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented this item stating bids were solicited for the purchase of various equipment needed to outfit a new fire engine. This will be a one-time purchase and all items will come from a single vendor. The low bid received was from NAFECO for \$43,119.59.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, requested an additional agenda item be added for Lowndes County Probation for a software program. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the cost to which Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, responded she would verify the amount and notify him after the work session. Mr. Pritchard asked Finance Director, Stephanie Black, to review the upcoming budget dates for the Commissioners, to which Ms. Black responded there will be a notice of public hearing ad placed in the Valdosta Daily Times on June 12th, a public budget hearing on June 19th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the commission chambers and the approval at the regular meeting on June 26th.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:50 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, June 12, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 21, 2018, and the regular session of May 22, 2018. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioners Evans and Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2018-11 McMullen, Johnson Road S., R-21 to R-A, County Water & Septic, 8.751 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the applicant would like to market as a larger residential lot. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2018-12 Stubbs Storage, 6125 Union Rd, E-A to C-G, Well and Septic, 12.81 Acres, County Planner, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the applicant would like to obtain a commercial zoning designation for the purpose of developing a mini storage business. Mr. Davenport further stated staff believes the request is ready for consideration. Mr. H. Arthur McLane spoke against the request as a property owner in the area. Mr. McLane stated he does not have a problem with the type of business proposed, adding he strongly opposes the location. Mr. McLane stated he believes the development will have a negative impact on surrounding property values, adding approval will result in spot zoning. As the applicant, Mr. Stacy Stubbs, spoke in favor of the request, adding he is aware of storage needs in the area being that existing storage facilities are full. Commissioner Marshall asked Mr. Stubbs how long he has

owned the property. Mr. Stubbs stated the purchase is contingent upon the proposed rezoning. Commissioner Marshall then asked Mr. Stubbs how many units he would be developing to which Mr. Stubbs replied two to four hundred. Vice Chairman Orenstein questioned Mr. Davenport with regards to the mention of spot zoning. Mr. Davenport provided an explanation of spot zoning, adding staff believes the request is supported by the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Davenport also referenced the shape of the property and its close proximity to I-75. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve with the conditions set forth by the GLPC, conditions one and two, Commissioner Griner second. Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioners Marshall and Griner voted in favor of the motion, Commissioners Evans and Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Motorola Support Agreement, Chairman Slaughter introduced the agreement in the amount of \$95,399.00. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI- State Court, Chairman Slaughter introduced the request stating the Commission heard from Judge Golden during the work session. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request up to \$40,319.00, to be used only to cover the amount not funded by the grant, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Service Contract for the Logisys CAD System, 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the contract in the amount of \$35,913.00. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Additional Deputy Coroner Request, Chairman Slaughter introduced the item stating the Commission heard from Mr. Fiveash at the last Commission Meeting. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to grant the request, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioners Griner and Wisenbaker voted in favor of the motion, Commissioners Evans and Marshall opposed. Motion carried.

Solicitor General's VOCA Supplemental Grant Application, Chairman Slaughter introduced the grant request. There is no impact on the county budget. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

GDOT Option for Right of Way at Exit 11, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented an option for right of way to purchase 541 square feet at Exit 11. Vice Chairman Orenstein

made a motion to execute the purchase, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Mukeshkumar Patel of Prince & Shiva Corporation DBA Liquor King, 4960 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is the result of a new establishment, adding all requirements are in order. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the license, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

CSS Probation Tracking System Agreement, Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the agreement in the amount of \$10,688.00. Mrs. Rountree stated Lowndes County Probation will need to utilize the software for six months to a year as staff researches a more permanent solution. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for Fire Engine #10 Equipment, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with NAFECO submitting the low bid in the amount of \$43,119.59. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD – none

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk