

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 23, 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 work session to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 9, 2018, and the regular session of July 10, 2018. No changes to the minutes were presented.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Mike McDowell expired June 30. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mr. McDowell was one of the members originally appointed when the authority was established, adding he is the last of the group to step down. Upon the recommendation of the authority, Mr. Pritchard presented Mr. Bubba Highsmith as a former appointee that would like to continue to serve. Commissioner Marshall stated that he would also like Mr. Hiram Johnson and Mr. Reginald Mitchell considered for the seat.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Keith Sirmans of Jack's Chophouse, 4479 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is due to the opening of a new establishment, adding all requirements for the license have been met.

FOR CONSIDERATION

RFP for Banking Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a recommendation to move the county's banking support to Ameris Bank. Ms. Black stated the county has been with the current provider for six years so staff solicited bids in an effort to ensure current rates and services are competitive. Commissioner Marshall asked

how long the county usually remains with a banking service provider. Ms. Black replied three years, with a renewal option for three additional one-year terms.

Computer Bulk Purchase, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$54,795.98, to purchase forty-five computers from Dell EMC. Mr. Kostyu stated the purchase is the first of two annual bulk purchases aimed at managing the county's technology fleet.

Amendments to E-One Grinder Pump Station Specifications, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a recommendation to amend the county's E-One Grinder Pump Specifications. Mr. Stalvey stated he is coordinating with the Home Builders Association of South Georgia in an effort to help everyone through the process, adding some pumps are not being installed correctly which ultimately causes a problem for the homeowner. Chairman Slaughter asked if Lowndes County accepts responsibility for the pump once it is installed, to which Mr. Stalvey replied yes and added that the section of the associated line that is on private property belongs to the homeowner.

Ordinance Adopting Current Board of Health Rules, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a recommended amendment to the ordinance addressing Board of Health Rules. Mr. Pritchard stated the item was tabled at the last meeting in order for the Commission to look further into the matter. Chairman Slaughter addressed Commissioner Wisenbaker and asked if he was able to get the information he needed, to which Commissioner Wisenbaker replied yes.

Solicitor-General's VOCA Supplemental Grant MOU, Victim Witness Advocate, Karen Hayes, presented a Memorandum of Understanding requiring approval in order for the Solicitor's Office to receive awarded grant funds.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, announced the county has received financial data from the Tax Commissioner required to consider the millage rate. Mr. Pritchard stated he and Finance Director, Stephanie Black, will review the information in order to make a recommendation to the Commission.

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:38 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 24, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein was not in attendance.

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 9, 2018, and the regular session of July 10, 2018. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Mr. Mike McDowell expired June 30, adding Mr. McDowell as one of the original authority members, is ready to step down. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Bubba Highsmith, who has previously served on the authority, Mr. Hiram Johnson and Mr. Reginald Mitchell, have all expressed a desire to serve. Chairman Slaughter made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Bubba Highsmith. Commissioner Marshall made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Reginald Mitchell. Commissioners Evans, Griner and Wisenbaker voted to appoint Mr. Bubba Highsmith. Commissioner Marshall voted to appoint Mr. Reginald Mitchell. Mr. Highsmith was appointed to fill the expired seat of Mr. Mike McDowell.

PUBLIC HEARING

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spoke in favor of the request, as the owner of the restaurant. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the license, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

RFP for Banking Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a recommendation to award the county's agreement for banking services to Ameris Bank for thirty-six months, with an option for three additional twelve month periods. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Computer Bulk Purchase, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$54,795.98, to purchase forty-five computers from Dell EMC. Mr. Kostyu stated the purchase is the first of two annual bulk purchases aimed at managing the county's technology fleet. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Amendments to E-One Grinder Pump Station Specifications, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented amended E-One Grinder Pump Station standards and specifications. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Ordinance Adopting Current Board of Health Rules, Chairman Slaughter presented the item, and acknowledged Board of Health representative Kyle Coppage, in the event the Commission had any questions. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Solicitor-General's VOCA Supplemental Grant MOU, Chairman Slaughter presented the item, stating Mrs. Karen Hayes explained the request during the work session. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding approving the receipt of the grant funds, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD – none

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

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk