

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, August 13, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Marshall was not present.

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Addition to Basic Decorative Lighting District: Creekside West, Phase 3B GA Hwy 122, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the addition represents the first amendment to the County's Street Lighting Ordinance, affecting eighteen lots in the Creekside West subdivision.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identifying and Testing, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$45,790.00. Mrs. Cumbus stated the contract between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University will provide for mosquito trapping, testing and reporting for another year.

Annual Contract Renewal for Prison Work Details, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$118,500.00, with the Georgia Department of Corrections for three prison details. Mrs. Cumbus stated two of the details will be used by the Public Works Department and one will benefit storm water management efforts.

Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented a request in the amount of \$206,758.30, to purchase seventy radio units from Mobile Communications. Mr. Tye stated the current radios are no longer supported, adding the new units should last ten to fifteen years.

Request to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented a request in the amount of \$12,460.00, to purchase two thermal imaging

cameras. Mr. Tye stated the units are refurbished which will save \$2,000.00 per unit. Commissioner Evans questioned the warranty/repair options for used units. Mr. Tye stated the cameras come with a three-year warranty.

Service Contract for the Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented an annual renewal in the amount of \$71,250.00, for service on the Center's mobile data terminal system.

Intrado Phone System Upgrade Agreement/Expansion (AT&T), 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented a proposal in the amount of \$244,342.00, for upgrades to the Center's phone system. Mr. Weeks stated the upgrades will provide for additional capabilities to include the receipt of texts. Mr. Weeks further stated once the project is completed, Lowndes County will be the first county south of Atlanta able to provide next generation 911 services.

Bevel Creek Lift Station Pump, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a quote from AAG, Inc. in the amount of \$13,971.04. Mr. Stalvey stated staff's recommendation in this case is repair in lieu of replacement.

Gorman Rupp Bypass Pump, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a quote from Xylem in the amount of \$12,883.95, for the retrofit repair of a pump that is currently in service. Mr. Stalvey stated the motor still works; however, the pump is beyond repair.

Hart Road/Skipper Bridge Lift Station Pumps, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a quote from Xylem in the amount of \$31,962.93, to repair the Hart Road pump and replace the Skipper Bridge Road pump.

Coleman Road Lift Station Check Valves, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a quote from Temsco, Inc., in the amount of \$11,179.20, to replace the valves at the Coleman Road Lift Station. Mr. Stalvey stated the replacement should correct water hammer issues stemming from a problem with the current valves.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a request to add two items to the agenda. Mr. Pritchard stated the County has received a request from the City of Hahira to annex 36.75 acres of the Orvis McNeal Estate and an extraterritorial water and sewer extension regarding the same. There being no objection from the Commission, Chairman Slaughter asked that both items be added to the agenda. Chairman Slaughter stated he attended the last Hahira City Council and saw the presentation on the proposed development, adding it appears to be a very nice project.

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

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 14, 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 regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 23, 2018, and the regular session of July 24, 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 HEARING

Addition to Basic Decorative Lighting District: Creekside West, Phase 3B GA Hwy 122, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the addition represents the first amendment to the County's Street Lighting Ordinance that was approved in March 2018, affecting eighteen lots in the Creekside West subdivision. No one spoke for or against the request. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the lighting district as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identifying and Testing, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented an agreement between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University in the amount of \$45,790.00, for the trapping, testing, and reporting of mosquito activity in the unincorporated area. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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agreement, to which Mrs. Cumbus replied yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase Public Safety Radios, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented a request in the amount of \$206,758.30, to purchase seventy radio units from Mobile Communications to replace seventy units that are no longer supported. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented a request in the amount of \$12,460.00, to purchase two thermal imaging cameras. Mr. Tye stated the cameras are the same type cameras currently in use by LCFR. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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Coleman Road Lift Station. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Notice of Proposed Hahira Annexation and Rezoning, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a notice of annexation and rezoning from the City of Hahira for 36.75 acres of the Orvis McNeal Estate. Chairman Slaughter stated he attended the Hahira City Council meeting, adding the developer is from Tallahassee, Florida. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request with no objections, Commissioner Marshall second. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked for the record to reflect that the request was acknowledged and approved within two weeks. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Hahira Extraterritorial Water and Sewer Service Extensions, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a request from the City of Hahira to extend water and sewer services to 36.75 acres of the Orvis McNeal Estate. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked for the record to reflect that the request was acknowledged and approved within two weeks. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, informed the Commission and those in attendance that the County's newest fire apparatus is available for inspection in the parking lot.

County Manager, Joe Pritchard addressed the Commission regarding the amounts approved for the County Manager and Finance Director to expend funds for budgeted items. Mr. Pritchard stated a \$10,000.00 cap has been in place for many years and has not been adjusted based on inflation rates. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there are caps for the department heads as well, to which Mr. Pritchard replied yes. Mr. Pritchard further stated he would prepare an item for the Commission's consideration at an upcoming meeting.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD – one request was received after the 5:30 p.m. deadline for submission.

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk