

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 10, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Marshall was not present.

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

Presentation to Jason Davenport, Chairman Slaughter stated Mr. Davenport and his family would be attending the regular meeting.

911 CALEA Re-Accreditation Presentation, Chairman Slaughter stated the presentation would take place during the regular meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 13, 2018, the regular session of August 14, 2018, and a special called meeting of August 23, 2018. No changes to the minutes were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2018-15 Misti Ray, 4810 Carter Ln., E-A to R-1, Well/Septic, ~4.05 Acres, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to subdivide one acre to the north and eventually build a house on the remaining 3.05 acres. Both the TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval.

REZ-2018-16 Stovall, 6002 N. Oak St. Ext., C-G/Conditional to C-G/Conditional, Well & Other, ~5.84 Acres, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Commission addressed the case in 2015 and placed two conditions on the property, one for a barrier and another prohibiting the development of group homes. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the applicant would like to develop a personal care home, adding both the TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Increase in Approval Limits, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated Lowndes County has not addressed approved spending limits for the County Manager or Finance Director in many years. Ms. Black further stated a recommendation is before the Commission to increase the amount to \$25,000.00 for the County Manager, and \$20,000.00 for the Finance Director, adding the discretion pertains to budgeted items only.

BID

Traffic Signal Installation at N. Forrest St. Ext. and Knights Academy Rd., County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated a traffic warrant study was conducted at the intersection of North Forrest Street and Knights Academy Road, adding the results indicated the need for a traffic light. Mr. Fletcher further stated Corbett Electrical Construction presented the low bid, in the amount of \$108,310.00, for the installation of the light.

REPORTS

At the request of the County Manager, HR Director, Kevin Beals, introduced newly hired Ansonya Christian, as the new HR Analyst in his department.

Project Manager, Chad McLeod, provided the Commission with an update on several SPLOST projects to include upgrades to the 911 Center, the North Lowndes Soccer Complex, Lowndes County Fire Rescue upgrades, the Boat Ramp in Naylor, and the upcoming historic courthouse renovation project.

On behalf of staff, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, recognized the birthdays of Chairman Slaughter, Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Griner.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:40 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

Presentation to Jason Davenport, the Chairman and Commissioners presented former County Planner, Jason Davenport, with a framed photograph of the historic courthouse, a signed volleyball and a Bible. Chairman Slaughter addressed Mr. Davenport and his family regarding his many contributions to Lowndes County. Chairman Slaughter credited Mr. Davenport and his former staff with establishing a credible service that will continue to serve the citizens of Lowndes County.

911 CALEA Re-Accreditation Presentation, the Chairman and Commissioners recognized 911 Director, Danny Weeks, and his staff to include CALEA Accreditation Manager, Theresa Gandy, for their efforts regarding the Center's ongoing CALEA Accreditation. Mr. Weeks thanked the Commission for their support and for providing the Center with the resources needed to provide a quality service to citizens when they need it most.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 13, 2018, the regular session of August 14, 2018, and a special called meeting of August 23, 2018. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2018-15 Misti Ray, 4810 Carter Ln., E-A to R-1, Well/Septic, ~4.05 Acres, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to subdivide one acre to the north and eventually build a house on the remaining 3.05 acres. Mrs. Stevenson further stated both the TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2018-16 Stovall, 6002 N. Oak St. Ext., C-G/Conditional to C-G/Conditional, Well & Other, ~5.84 Acres, Engineering Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Commission addressed the case in 2015 and placed two conditions on the property, one for a barrier and another prohibiting the development of group homes. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the applicant would like to develop a personal care home on the property. Chairman Slaughter asked if the developer planned to demolish the current structure and build a new one, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes. No one spoke against the request. Matthew Inman, EMC Engineering, 515 St. Augustine Road, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Inman stated the developer plans to build the facility so that it blends in with the character of the neighborhood. Commissioner Orenstein asked Mr. Inman to share the results of a recent Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA) hearing with the Commission. Mr. Inman stated the ZBOA recently approved a variance that will decrease the side set back requirements due to the size of the facility and shape of the lot. Commissioner Marshall asked if there should be a condition placed on the property that excludes detention centers. Chairman Slaughter stated the request is to remove, not modify the conditions placed on the property, indicating there is no need since the plan reflects the development of an assisted living facility. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request to remove the condition as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Increase in Approval Limits, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to increase the approved spending limit for the County Manager to \$25,000.00, and the Finance Director to \$20,000.00, for budgeted items. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Traffic Signal Installation at N. Forrest St. Ext. and Knights Academy Rd., County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Corbett Electrical Construction submitting the low bid in the amount of \$108,310.00. Commissioner Marshall asked when the light would be operational, to which Mr. Fletcher replied six months. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the bid as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS – no additional information was reported.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes and thanked them for attending the meeting.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Bob Harland, 7083 Hamm Estates Drive, addressed the Commission requesting assistance with maintenance on Hamm Estates Drive, which is a private road.

Fred Blanton, 4737 Otter Creek Road, addressed the Commission regarding the condition of Otter Creek Road.

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, requested information related to sewer spills and water quality on behalf of the WAALS Coalition. Mr. Quarterman also invited the Commission to several kayaking events.

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk