

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, September 24, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
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 September 10, 2018, and the regular meeting of September 11, 2018. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated an open seat exists due to a resignation, adding Mr. Michael Smith has been recommended for appointment. Chairman Slaughter stated that if there are any additional candidates to be considered, their information should be submitted prior to the regular meeting.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Abandonment of a Portion of Union Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated that as a result of the I-75, Exit 29 project, a section of right of way is no longer needed. Chairman Slaughter asked if the abandonment is related to the road being realigned, to which Mr. Fletcher replied yes.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Powersports Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a resolution requesting the County accept the road, drainage and water infrastructure related to the new road.

**Beer License-Chaudhry T. Mahmood of Sky Limit Stop Corporation DBA J & M Food Mart- 2295 New Statenville Hwy, Valdosta, GA**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request comes from a new establishment, adding all requirements have been met.

**Termination of Lease with The Langdale Company Hwy 84 West**, County Manager Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the lease was approved when the County had plans to add an additional fire station at the location. Mr. Pritchard further stated those plans are no longer being considered, adding The Langdale Company has requested the property be returned

**Hargray Telecommunication Services Agreement**, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented an agreement with Hargray Telecommunications in the amount of \$34,654.00, for telecommunications services. Mr. Kostyu stated the agreement will save Lowndes County approximately \$100,000.00 per year.

**License of Antenna Tower Space to Hargray Of Georgia**, ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated the agreement will result in \$13,824.00 in revenue. Mr. Kostyu further stated Hargray will utilize available space on the County's Kinderlou tower, with no interference or impact to existing services.

## **REPORTS**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:38 a.m., Commissioner Griner second.

At 8:54 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session. There was no further discussion. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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, September 25, 2018

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

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

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

Chairman Slaughter recognized the class members in attendance from the Leadership Lowndes Class of 2018.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 10, 2018, and the regular meeting of September 11, 2018. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mr. Michael Smith for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Michael Smith was appointed by acclamation.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Abandonment of a Portion of Union Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the request. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way is no longer needed due to the I-75, Exit 29 realignment. Commissioner Griner made a motion indicating the section of roadway has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no public purpose is served by it, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Powersports Road**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request to accept the road, drainage and water infrastructure

for Powersports Road. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Beer License-Chaudhry T. Mahmood of Sky Limit Stop Corporation DBA J & M Food Mart- 2295 New Statenville Hwy, Valdosta, GA,** Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is for a new establishment, adding all requirements have been met. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the license, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Termination of Lease with The Langdale Company Hwy 84 West,** County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the termination agreement. Mr. Pritchard stated the County no longer plans to build a fire station at the location. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the termination, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Hargray Telecommunication Services Agreement,** ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented an agreement with Hargray Telecommunications in the amount of \$34,654.00, for telecommunications services. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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## **REPORTS**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss real estate. Chairman Slaughter asked that the Commission hear from the citizen wishing to be heard, prior to the executive session.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Lewis Gordon, 3468 McDougal Lane, presented the Commission with a petition to have McDougal Lane paved and also asked about the paving of Riverside Drive.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition at 5:43 p.m., Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second.

At 5:49 p.m., Chairman Slaughter reconvened the regular meeting, no additional information was discussed. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the

regular meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Bill Slaughter, Chairman

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K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk