

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROPOSED AGENDA
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

1. **Call To Order**

2. **Invocation**

3. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**

4. **Minutes For Approval**

- a. Work Session - February 24, 2020 & Regular Session - February 25, 2020

5. **Appointments**

- a. Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

Documents:

[VALDOSTA LOWNDES COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

- b. South Georgia Community Service Board

Documents:

[SOUTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD -.PDF](#)

- c. Lownde County Library Board

Documents:

[LOWNDES COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD -.PDF](#)

6. **Public Hearing**

- a. Abandonment Of Unopened Right Of Way - Hart Road

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF UNOPENED RIGHT OF WAY - HART ROAD -.PDF](#)

- b. REZ-2020-03 Wetherington Property, Val Del Rd. R-A To P-D, County Water And Sewer, ~72.54 Acres Districts 2 And 5

Documents:

[REZ-2020-03 WETHERINGTON PROPERTY.PDF](#)

7. **For Consideration**

- a. Solicitor-General's Office 2020 VAWA Grant Award Activation

Documents:

[SOLICITOR-GENERAL 2020 VAWA GRANT AWARD ACTIVATION.PDF](#)

- b. Accept Gaines Lane Quit-Claim Deeds And Add Into The County Road Inventory For Maintenance

Documents:

[ACCEPT GAINES LANE QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS AND ADD INTO THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE.PDF](#)

- c. Approval Of Clyattstone Rd. -Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

Documents:

[APPROVAL OF CLYATTSTONE RD - SIMPSON LN ROW PURCHASES.PDF](#)

- d. Abandoned Mobile Homes

Documents:

[ABANDONED MOBILE HOMES.PDF](#)

8. **Bid**

- a. Bid For A 3,000 Gallon Tanker For The Fire Department

Documents:

[BID FOR A 3,000 GALLON TANKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.PDF](#)

- b. Request To Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear

Documents:

[REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR.PDF](#)

9. **Reports - County Manager**

10. **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name And Address**

11. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

() SPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Mr. Frank Morman's term on the Valdosta Lowndes Land Bank Authority has expired. He is not interested in being reappointed. Mr. Michael Thomas has expressed interest in being appointed to the authority.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint a member
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: South Georgia Community Service Board

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

Annual

Capital

N/A

SPLOST

TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The term of Cindy Vickery on the South Georgia Community Service Board has expired. Ms. Vickery would like to be reappointed to the board.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/reappoint a member.
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lownde County Library Board

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

() SPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: There is a vacant seat on the Lowndes County Library Board. Mr. Dewayne Johnson has expressed interest in being appointed to the board and the Library Board has recommended Mr. Johnson for appointment.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint a member
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way - Hart Road

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$0

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Public use on a county road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On February 10, 2020, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners determined the unopened right of way off Hart Road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest. As required by Georgia statute, each adjoining property owner was notified by certified mail of the intent and public hearing. The public hearing was also advertised in the *Valdosta Daily Times*.

- OPTIONS: 1. Abandon the unopened right of way off Hart Road
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2020-03 Wetherington Property, Val Del Rd. R-A to P-D,
County Water and Sewer, ~72.54 acres Districts 2 and 5

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2020-03 Wetherington Property, Val Del Rd.
R-A to P-D, County Water and Sewer, ~72.54 acres
Districts 2 and 5

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from Residential Agricultural (R-A) zoning to Planned Development (P-D) zoning. The general motivation in this case is so the subject property can be developed at a greater residential density, a maximum of 214 residential lots, with an average lot size of approximately 9100 sq. ft. Access to and from the subject property is off Val Del Road, a major collector road. Concerning the Comprehensive Plan Future Development Map, the subject property is within the Urban Service area and depicted as in a Rural Residential Character Area. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance, Rural Residential Planned Development (PD-R) is listed as a permitted zoning within a Rural Residential Character Area. The difference between P-D zoning and PD-R zoning is the water/sewer connectivity requirement. However, since the subject property is within the required connection distance, the site plan does show that the development will connect to Lowndes County water and sewer.

Aspects of this case worthy of consideration include: 1) the Nelson Hill Planned Development to the southwest, which is close to being built out, 2) The P-D zoning to the south, 3) Current growth trends in the area, 4) County water and sewer connectivity, 5) the future paving of Clyattstone Road, and 6) the planned future widening of Val Del Road.

The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission (GLPC) heard this case at its February meeting and ultimately voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request. For reference, the applicant's representative was present and spoke on behalf of the request and no one rose to speak in opposition. Discussion centered around increased traffic concerns on Val Del Road.

The TRC considered the request and had no objectionable comments, and staff finds the request consistent with current growth trends and with the Community Goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Approve with Conditions
3. Table
4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Planning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Molly Stevenson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Solicitor-General's Office 2020 VAWA Grant Award Activation

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$19,167

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- Cash
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Solicitor-General's Office 2020 VAWA Grant Award Activation

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On November 12, 2019 the Solicitor-General's Office was Granted permission to apply for the VAWA Continuation Grant. The continuation grant was approved and the Solicitor-General's Office was awarded \$50,000 in Federal Funds. This is the same amount as the previous year. This grant is a 4 year grant with the continuation funding needing to be approved on a yearly basis. The continuation grant award period would be January 01-December 31, 2020. The total amount needed from Lowndes County is \$19,167 in the form of a Cash Match. Submission of this VAWA Grant Activation Packet is due by April 06, 2020. The SG's office requests the board's approval for the Chairman to sign all the necessary forms in the award activation packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve 2020 VAWA Grant Award Activation.
1. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo Cabral

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Accept Gaines Lane Quit-Claim Deeds and add into the County Road Inventory for Maintenance

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

() SPLOST

() TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Private Dirt Road Acceptance for Maintenance - Gaines Lane

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County has received signed Quit-Claim Deeds for Gaines Lane, a private dirt road. By accepting these deeds, Lowndes County will add Gaines Lane into the County Road Inventory for maintenance.

OPTIONS: 1. Accept Quit-Claim Deeds and add Gaines Lane into the County Road Inventory for maintenance.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$4,836.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The County has negotiated the purchase of Right of Way property numbers 24, 25, 29, and 38 for the Clyattstone Road-Simpson Lane TSPLOST Project. The Right of Way Deeds set forth the respective grantors, identities of the properties, and purchase prices and terms of the acquisition for each property. The Commission is required to approve each of these acquisitions in a public vote.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve the acquisition from the respective grantors of the identified properties for the purchase prices and terms of the acquisition for each property, as set forth in the ROW Deeds.
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandoned Mobile Homes

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

() SPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointment of Local Government Agent

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Abandoned Mobile Home Act authorizes the Board of Commissioners to appoint a local government agent to determine the condition of abandoned mobile homes in order for landowners to remove or restore abandoned mobile homes left on their property.

A “local government agent” means a person appointed by a local governing authority who is qualified to inspect an abandoned mobile home by demonstrating that he or she is qualified to determine if the abandoned mobile home is derelict or intact.

Mindy Bates is qualified to inspect an abandoned mobile home and to determine if the abandoned mobile home is derelict or intact.

Attached is a proposed Resolution appointing Mindy Bates as the local government agent for Lowndes County for purposes of the Act.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt proposed Resolution Appointing Agent.

2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Bid for a 3,000 Gallon Tanker for the Fire Department

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$399,414.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Bid for a 3,000 Gallon Tanker for the Fire Department

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County solicited bids on a new model year, commercial cab, 3,000 gallon tanker for the Fire Department. This tanker will replace a tanker that was taken out of service in 2016. Lowndes County received two responsible, responsive bids for the new tanker. The low bidder also offered a discount for payment upon order. Lowndes County currently has five (5) other Rosenbauer apparatus in service and has not experienced any major issues with any of those vehicles.

Innovative Fire Group - Ocala, FL - Rosenbauer - \$399,414.00

Innovative Fire Group - Ocala, FL - Rosenbauer - \$388,355.00 (discounted)

Ten-8 Fire Equipment - Bradenton, FL - Pierce - \$432,142.00

- OPTIONS:
1. Award bid to Innovative Fire Rescue Group in the amount of \$399,414.00 payable at time of delivery
 2. Award bid to Innovative Fire Rescue Group in the amount of \$388,355.00 payable at the time of order
 3. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$28,327.04

FUNDING SOURCE:

Annual \$28,327.04

Capital

N/A

SPLOST

TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request to purchase 14 sets of new firefighting turnout gear

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County Fire Rescue solicited pricing from vendors through a competitively bid, national purchasing cooperative. Vendors were provided with minimum specifications for firefighting turnout gear to be worn by Lowndes County Fire Rescue personnel when responding to any call involving, or potentially involving, active fire.

Each vendor provided pricing on 14 new sets of gear which will replace gear currently being used by personnel that, during a recent routine inspection, was found to be either within 1 year of the end of its 10 year use period and/or in need of repair to the extent that replacement was deemed the more cost effective option.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase 14 sets of turnout gear from Ten-8 Fire Equipment in the amount of \$28,327.04.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: