

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, February 24, 2020

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular session of February 10, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Rezoning Case REZ-2020-01 Nancy G. Hobby, 2626 Loch Laurel Rd. R-1 to E-A, Well & Septic, ~10.0 acres (Districts 3 and 5)**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to preserve the property as farmland. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding there were no objectionable comments from the TRC.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2020-02 SKT Investments, LLC, Lester Rd. E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, ~10.55 acres (Districts 3 and 5)**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone so that the property can be subdivided to provide for up to eight single family dwellings on the property. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. Mrs. Stevenson also commented that the Health Department stressed that any required wells and septic tanks will be subject to Health Department standards.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Microsoft Server 2019 Datacenter License**

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$24,613.44, to purchase a Microsoft 2019 Datacenter license to replace the end-of-life versions currently in the data center.

### **Request to Accept Hamm Estates Dr. into the County Road Inventory for Maintenance**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has received a petition from property owners on Hamm Estates Drive, requesting the county accept the road into the county's road inventory for maintenance. Mr. Fletcher informed the Commission that in 1995, Lowndes County was approved for a State Aid Grant through the Georgia Department of Transportation to pave the road. Mr. Fletcher further stated that property owners opposed the improvement so in June of 1988, Hamm Estates was abandoned so it reverted back to a private road.

### **Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$43,245.50, for the purchase of right of way. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote.

### **Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Acquisition**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request to purchase right of way in the amount of \$11,535.00. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way purchase for property number 7 also includes a deed for 0.084 acres of no longer needed county right of way along Clyattstone Road that abuts Allen and Sally Woods' property. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve the exchange and deeds in a public vote.

### **2020 Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc.**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the 2020 Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$290,000.00. Mr. Beals explained that the agreement is a renewal of the existing agreement for services related to Lowndes County's self-funded employee health plan.

### **Deannexation of Ganas Property by Lake Park**

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented a request to deannex 0.653 acres of property owned by Jerry Ganas on Old US 41, in Lake Park. Mrs. Amiot explained that the track is in the Lake Park city limits, adding that adjoining property also owned by Mr. Ganas is in the unincorporated area. Mrs. Amiot stated Mr. Ganas would like for all of his property to be in the unincorporated area. Vice Chairman Marshall questioned the surrounding properties at which time Mrs. Amiot directed him to the map before the Commission.

### **BID**

#### **Bid for Repairs to Knights Academy Road**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request for emergency repairs in the amount of \$50,433.00, to be paid to Rountree Construction. Mr. Fletcher stated during routine inspections, the need for repairs to several culvert aprons was identified on Knights Academy Road.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

No additional information was reported.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

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

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Griner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Griner

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular meeting of February 10, 2020. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone in an effort to preserve farmland. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2020-02 SKT Investments, LLC, Lester Rd. E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, ~10.55 acres (Districts 3 and 5)**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone for the purpose of subdividing the lots for the purpose of building up to eight single-family dwellings. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Microsoft Server 2019 Datacenter License**

ITS Representative, Paul Basehore, presented a request in the amount of \$24,613.44, to purchase a Microsoft Datacenter license to replace the current end-of-life versions. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Request to Accept Hamm Estates Dr. into the County Road Inventory for Maintenance**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the request. Mr. Fletcher stated staff is seeking direction regarding a recently submitted petition, signed by property owners on Hamm Estates Drive. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, referenced the resolution addressing private roads that was approved by the Commission in October of 2019. Mr. Elliott stated staff is treating the petition as a trigger for the process. Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept the road into the county's road inventory to include staff moving forward with improvements, Commissioner Orenstein second. Commissioner Griner asked if Commissioner Evans' motion could be clarified to include staff will move forward with improvements subject to successful execution of the next steps in the process to include the road being dedicated to Lowndes County. Commissioner Evans clarified and amended her motion based on Commissioner Griner's recommendation, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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### **Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Acquisition**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request to purchase right of way in the amount of \$11,535.00. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way purchase for property number 7 also includes a deed for 0.084 acres of no longer needed county right of way along Clyattstone Road that abuts Allen and Sally Woods' property. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve the exchange and deeds in a public vote. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase and exchange as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **2020 Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc.**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$290,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Deannexation of Ganas Property by Lake Park**

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated Jerry Ganas has a lot in Lake Park, part of which is inside the City of Lake Park with the rest of property located in unincorporated Lowndes County. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the resolution before the Commission only indicates the county's willingness to accept the property. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **BID**

#### **Bid for Repairs to Knights Academy Road**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request for emergency repairs in the amount of \$50,433.00, to be paid to Rountree Construction. Mr. Fletcher stated there were several culvert aprons found that needed repairs, during routine inspections. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

There was no additional information reported.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Dr. Michael Noll, a resident of the City of Valdosta, addressed the Commission regarding his support of additional funding for Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful.

Ms. Jeannette Coody, 2202 Deborah Drive, addressed the Commission regarding her support of additional funding for Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:56 p.m.