

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
April 22, 2019 - 8:30 AM

**Call To Order**

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

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

**Invocation**

**Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**

**Minutes For Approval**

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 8, 2019, and the regular session of April 9, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**Appointments**

**Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment stating Ms. Kelley Saxon's appointment has expired. Mrs. Dukes further stated Ms. Saxon has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Evans acknowledged Ms. Saxon and asked her to update the Commission regarding the activities of the board. Ms. Kelley Saxon, 8 Baldwin Place, addressed the Commission and asked them to continue to support the current address survey that is being circulated throughout the community. Ms. Saxon stated the survey results will help bring additional funding to programs that benefit those with disabilities.

**Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO)**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a vacant seat on the VLMPO board due to a resignation. Mrs. Dukes further stated Mr. Gary Wisenbaker has expressed a desire to serve. Chairman Slaughter asked if there were any other candidates wishing to serve to which Mrs. Dukes replied, no.

## **Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. David Motley's term on the authority expired December 2018. Mrs. Dukes further stated Mrs. Creacy Sermons has expressed a desire to serve. Commissioner Evans stated since Mr. Motley has served four months of the current year, he might like to continue to serve until the end of the calendar year. Chairman Slaughter stated the Commission might want to consider someone willing to serve the remainder of the term.

## **Public Hearing**

### **Beer, Wine and Liquor License - Carlos Vega and Hector Vega of Riviera Maya Bar & Grill, LLC, DBA Riviera Maya Bar & Grill - 4333 Bemiss Rd., Site 12, Valdosta, GA**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is for beer, wine and liquor consumption on premise. Ms. Black further stated the license is for a new establishment and all requirements have been met.

## **For Consideration**

### **Updated Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated that as a recipient of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) 5311 Rural Transportation System funds, Lowndes County is required to adopt GDOT's approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the policy is before the Commission and remains ready for consideration.

## **Bid**

### **Reports - County Manager**

Chairman Slaughter thanked County Clerk, Paige Dukes, for launching the paperless agenda software. Mrs. Dukes stated the project was led by Information Technician, Sabrina Denson, adding the success of the project is due to Mrs. Denson's hard work.

Red Cross Director, Terri Jenkins, provided the Commission and those in attendance an update on an upcoming smoke detector event. Ms. Jenkins stated the event will be carried out by volunteers to include firefighters from Lowndes County Fire Rescue and the City of Valdosta. Ms. Jenkins thanked the Commission for the County's support of the Red Cross.

## **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address**

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:45 a.m.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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April 23, 2019 - 5:30 PM

**Call To Order**

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

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

**Invocation**

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker

**Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker

**Minutes For Approval**

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 8, 2019, and the regular session of April 9, 2019. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Appointments**

**Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat held by Ms. Kelley Saxon has expired, adding Ms. Saxon would like to continue to serve. Commissioner Evans nominated Ms. Saxon for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Ms. Saxon was appointed by acclamation.

**Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO)**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a vacant seat on the VLMPO due to a resignation. Mrs. Dukes further stated Mr. Gary Wisenbaker has expressed an interest in serving. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker recused himself stating Mr. Gary Wisenbaker is his brother. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mr. Gary Wisenbaker for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Wisenbaker was appointed by acclamation.

### **Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority**

County Clerk, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. David Motley's term on the authority has expired. Mrs. Dukes further stated Mrs. Creacy Sermons and Mr. Rick Williams have expressed a desire to serve. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mr. Rick Williams. Commissioner Marshall nominated Mrs. Creacy Sermons. Commissioners Evans, Orenstein and Griner voted for Mr. Rick Williams. Mr. Williams was appointed by majority vote.

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Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the request is for the consumption of beer, wine and liquor on premise. Ms. Black further stated the license is for a new establishment and all requirements have been met. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **For Consideration**

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Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated as a recipient of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) 5311 Rural Transportation Funds, Lowndes County is required to adopt a GDOT approved Drug and Alcohol Policy. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the policy as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Reports - County Manager**

No additional information was reported. Chairman Slaughter recognized members of Leadership Lowndes and Lowndes Youth Leadership League. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker commented that Lowndes Youth Leadership League class member, Jake Steinberg, is soon to be a new Eagle Scout.

### **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address**

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 5:39 p.m.