

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 - 5:30 PM

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. via conference call due to social distancing criteria set forth in response to COVID-19.

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chairman Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 9, 2020, the regular session of March 10, 2020, and the special called meeting of April 16, 2020. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Orenstein second.

Chairman Slaughter thanked everyone for their patience with regards to the meeting being conducted via conference call. Chairman Slaughter stated the impact of COVID-19 may have a lasting impact on the way business is conducted for some time, adding he appreciates everyone's willingness to work together through challenging times.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Advanced Disposal has applied to renew their existing franchise agreement. Mr. Beals further stated all required information has been submitted, adding the item remains ready for consideration by the Commission. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Deep South Sanitation Residential Solid Waste Franchise

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Deep South Sanitation has submitted a request to renew their franchise agreement. Mr. Beals further stated that all information required has been submitted, adding the request remains ready for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Professional Services for Sampling, Monitoring and Reporting of Impaired Streams

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated staff solicited a proposal from Lovell Engineering Associates (LEA) for sampling, monitoring and reporting of impaired streams in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Mr. Fletcher further stated LEA provided Lowndes County with a not to exceed cost of \$45,120.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the current consideration would commit the county to use LEA for all three years of monitoring. Mr. Fletcher stated the monitoring is required for three years, adding there is a substantial report included at the end of each annual monitoring period. Mr. Fletcher stated the scope of the project could adjust based on the test results. Chairman Slaughter stated he wasn't sure if the county would want to go out to bid after the project began, adding that it is a professional service that is not required to be bid. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated that since a substantial amount of the annual cost is related to startup costs, it seems the county is buying LEA the equipment needed to do the work. Chairman Slaughter asked if there are any other local firms able to do the work. Mr. Fletcher stated TTL could, but they would be sending someone from Albany or Alabama, adding they are truly local. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if there are any negative results would the county have to take action. Mr. Fletcher stated a part of the contract includes LEA researching and recommending best management practices in the event that should be the case. Commissioner Griner made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall and Orenstein second. Vice Chairman Marshall and Commissioners Griner, Evans and Orenstein voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

Quit Claim Deeds for Abandoned Right of Way off Ivandale Circle

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission abandoned right of way off Ivandale Circle on September 10, 2019. Mr. Fletcher further stated the associated quit claim deeds are ready for consideration. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the deeds as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Purchase of Wetland Credits for Clyattstone Road - Simpson Lane Paving Project

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County is required to purchase four wetland credits as a result of the Clyattstone Road- Simpson Lane paving project. Mr. Fletcher stated staff recommends the purchase of the four credits from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$20,000.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Clyattstone Road-Simpson Lane ROW Purchases

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the county has negotiated the purchase of right of way for property numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 37 for the Clyattstone Road - Simpson Lane TSPLOST project. Mr. Fletcher further stated the total cost for the current numbers is \$48,079.00, adding the purchases remain ready for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchases as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of Unopened ROW - Gay Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has received a request to abandon unopened right of way on Gay Road. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way was never opened and the owners have asked the county to quit claim it back to them. Commissioner Evans made a motion determining the section of the county road system has ceased to be used to the extent that no public purpose is served by it, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Coleman Road Force Main Replacement

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to replace the force main in the amount of \$6,545,729.00. Mr. Stalvey stated the force main has had several breaks and needs to be replaced. Mr. Stalvey further stated the initial bids were received with Legacy Water Group, LLC, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$7,325,435.00 which was over budget. Mr. Stalvey added the project was value engineered down to \$4,693,069, with \$1,852,660.00 in material costs being expended by the county. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Lowndes County Accountability Court Grant Approval and Cash Match

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the accountability' courts' grant renewal requires a cash match in the amount of \$26,246.11. Mr. Pritchard further stated that since the courts were established in 2016 by Judge Tunison and his staff, 34 participants have successfully completed the program. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

LMIG Resurfacing Contract

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with Reames and Son Construction submitting the low bid in the amount of \$1,489,941.60. Mr. Fletcher stated the contract will provide for the resurfacing of eighteen county roads with the Georgia Department of Transportation covering \$1,261,540.65 of the cost with LMIG grant funds. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.