

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, June 10, 2019

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.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular session of May 28, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2019-08 Joshua Knudson, 3435 Bemiss Knights Academy Road R-A/R-21 to R-A, County Water/Sewer, ~36.46 acres

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the request represents the applicant's wishes to rezone 14 acres of a 36.46 acre tract for the purpose of developing an outdoor recreational facility. Mrs. Stevenson further stated approval will eliminate the current split zoning, adding an outdoor recreational area is a permitted use for the portion of the tract that is already RA. Mrs. Stevenson added the Planning Commission and staff have received considerable opposition from the residents of Crestwood Subdivision and the surrounding area. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Planning Commission voted to table the request until their next meeting, adding the TRC has no objectionable comments. Chairman Slaughter stated the applicant can move forward with the use as a matter of right, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes. Commissioner Orenstein asked if Mrs. Stevenson was aware of the outcome of the Zoning Board of Appeals request initiated by the applicant. Mrs. Stevenson stated the request was denied; however, the ZBOA did decrease the number of required parking spaces from 800 to 200. Mrs. Stevenson added the requested buffering allowances were also denied.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office E-Citations PDA/Handheld

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented a request in the amount of \$29,483.00 to purchase eleven handheld units to be used to write citations. Mr. Kostyu stated the purchase will require \$2,619.00 in ongoing annual maintenance costs. Mr. Kostyu further stated the Sheriff's Office realized a savings with the recent purchase of laptops instead of tablets for in-car use, adding the handhelds are being purchased with remaining project funds. Commissioner Orenstein questioned the longevity of the units being that Mr. Kostyu mentioned the tablet technology would not be available for another two years. Mr. Kostyu stated the process will be evaluated in three years with the planned refresh of the laptops.

Tyler Detect-Managed Threat Detection Services

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented an agreement with Tyler Detect for the purpose of enhancing Lowndes County's network security options. Mr. Kostyu stated the agreement provides for a one time fee in the amount of \$1,000.00, and an annual monitoring cost of \$25,000.00 per year. Mr. Kostyu further stated the service will allow threats to be dealt with much quicker and in a more efficient manner.

BID

Bids on Administrative Vehicle

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, stated the next three agenda items represent staff's work on a vehicle replacement plan discussed during the last budget process. Ms. Black presented the item with Cass Burch submitting the only qualified bid, in the amount of \$20,209.00. Ms. Black further stated staff has received correspondence from an out of town vendor related to a bid specification requirement for a standard size spare tire. Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, addressed the Commission to explain that the vendor bid a Ford Fusion which does not have space for a full size spare tire according to representatives from Langdale Ford. Public Works Supervisor, John Crittendon, confirmed Mrs. Woods comments related to the tire.

Bids on Five One-Half Ton Trucks

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated staff solicited bids for five one-half ton trucks with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$119,435.00 for the purchase of two four wheel drive trucks. Mrs. Black explained that while the original intent was to purchase five trucks, the total cost was higher than expected. Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, stated an out of town Ford representative is questioning the standard ninety day delivery requirement. Mrs. Woods further stated the vendor indicated he could deliver in ninety-eight days instead, which is contrary to bid specifications. Mrs. Woods stated she sent out a bid addendum and asked all bidders to take a look at it to make sure she had not missed anything. Mrs. Woods further stated

the matter was not brought up by the vendor during this process. Chairman Slaughter asked Mrs. Woods if she considered the ninety day requirement a part of the bid process to which she replied yes. Mrs. Woods further stated the matter has not been an issue in the past.

Bids for Thirteen Three-Quarter Ton Trucks

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase thirteen three-quarter ton trucks with Alan Jay of Sebring, Florida submitting the low bid in the amount of \$359,916.00. Ms. Black further stated local bidder, Langdale Ford is within the Commission's local preference percentage with the second lowest bid in the amount of \$362,905.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, provided the Commission and those in attendance with an update on the Naylor boat ramp project. Mr. Pritchard stated Public Works is a little over two weeks from project completion. Chairman Slaughter stated the site looks great, adding he hopes citizens understand the importance of taking care of the ramp to include the proper disposal of trash.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:47 a.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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. and recognized the attendance of City of Valdosta Councilwoman Sandra Tooley.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular session of May 28, 2019. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans 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 request includes rezoning 14 acres within a 36.6 parcel from R-21 to R-A, for the purpose of developing an airsoft recreational facility. Mrs. Stevenson further stated staff has received twelve additional communications against and petitions both for and against the request. Adam Khail, 3473 Farmers Way, spoke against the request on behalf of Crestwood Subdivision and other residents in the area. Mr. Khail stated the facility will bring unwanted traffic and noise to the area and that it will create discomfort for military members and their families. Laura Pepler, 3797 Farmers Way, spoke against the request stating the facility will have a negative impact on wildlife and bother those with special needs that are sensitive to noise. Brad Lindell, address unable to be confirmed,

spoke against the request as an active duty military member. Josh Knudsen, 5133 Rocky Ford Road, spoke in favor of the request as the applicant. Mr. Knudson stated the toys used will be regulated and will be required to be kept in a case or bag when outside the facility. Mr. Knudson further stated he is aware of noise and buffering requirements, adding his plans for fencing should eliminate any concerns. Mr. Knudson stated that if his request is not approved, it will force him to move the play area even closer to residents, adding he plans to use the 14 acres in question for parking. Commissioner Marshall questioned the installation of privacy fencing. Mr. Knudson replied he is aware and that it will be installed where required. Commissioner Marshall asked Mr. Knudson what hours he plans to operate, to which Mr. Knudson replied only on the weekends. Commissioner Orenstein questioned the hours of operation to which Mr. Knudson replied 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Commissioner Orenstein asked if any land would have to be cleared for parking, to which Mr. Knudson replied no. Mr. Knudson also provided Commissioner Orenstein an explanation of the two buildings he plans to build. Commissioner Marshall stated he would like to verify that based on the current zoning, the applicant can move forward with his proposed business, which Mrs. Stevenson confirmed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker, Commissioners Orenstein, Marshall and Griner voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Evans opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office E-Citations PDA/Handheld

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item a request to purchase eleven E-citation handheld units in the amount of \$29,483.00, to include an additional annual recurring cost of \$2,619.00. Mr. Kostyu stated the units will be used by the Sheriff's Office to issue citations. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Tyler Detect-Managed Threat Detection Services

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item at request to contract with Tyler Detect-Managed Threat Detection Services for the purpose of providing a 24/7 monitoring service to protect the county against cyber-attacks. Mr. Kostyu stated the agreement requires a one time \$1,000.00 set up fee and \$25,000.00 in annual recurring cost. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BIDS

Bids on Administrative Vehicle

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase one administrative vehicle for Public Works. Ms. Black stated the county received one bid that met

specifications from Cass Burch in the amount of \$20,209.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bids on Five One-Half Ton Trucks

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$119,435.00, for the purchase of five one-half ton trucks. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Griner second. Commissioners Griner, Marshall, Orenstein, and Evans voted in favor of the purchase as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

Bids for Thirteen Three-Quarter Ton Trucks

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase thirteen three-quarter ton trucks. Ms. Black stated Alan Jay, Sebring, Florida, presented the low bid in the amount of \$359,916.00. Ms. Black further stated Langdale Ford submitted a bid in the amount of \$362,905.00, which is within the two percent local vendor preference. Commissioner Griner made a motion to award the bid to Langdale Ford, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

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

Anita Armstrong, 2450 Gaines Lane, addressed the Commission regarding the condition of private road, Gaines Lane. Mrs. Armstrong stated her husband has a health problem and emergency services cannot reach their home.

Eddie Tooley, 704 East Cummings Street, addressed the Commission regarding property he also owns on Gaines Lane to complain that he cannot get Colquitt EMC to move some utility poles.

Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk