

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 22, 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 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY 2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Fire Chief and EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Chief Tye stated the County received notice of award in the amount of \$410,135.00, for the funding of the grant programs that support Juvenile Court. Mr. Tye further stated the award requires the approval of a service agreement with Evidence Based Associates. Judge Council was also in attendance.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Program Renewal

HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$745,721.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal before the Commission includes safety credits in the amount of \$44,118.00, and dividend credits in the amount of \$92,519.00, with two deductible options. Mr. Beals further stated there were 42 accidents reported in the current plan year.

Grassy Pond Sewer Connection

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated staff solicited requests for proposals on behalf of Moody Air Force Base for capital improvements at Grassy Pond with RPI, Inc. submitting the low bid in the amount of \$518,673.30.

Hospital Authority Refunding Revenue Certificates

County Attorney, Walter Elliott, presented the item. Mr. Elliott stated in 2011, the Hospital Authority of Valdosta-Lowndes County issued revenue certificates that included Lowndes County backing the debt in the event the Authority became unable to do so. Mr. Elliott further stated the Authority would like to now issue Refunding Revenue Certificates which will result in a considerable savings for the Authority without extending the length of the debt. Mr. Elliott further stated the process requires approval of the resolution before the Commission in order to move forward.

SPLOST VIII Agreement

Chairman Slaughter presented the SPLOST VIII Agreement. Chairman Slaughter stated on July 8, he held the required meeting with the Mayors of Valdosta, Hahira, Remerton, Dasher and Lake Park as the first step in moving towards the referendum. Chairman Slaughter further stated the Agreement before the Commission includes the project lists from Lowndes County and each of the Cities with the collection distribution based on population.

Abandonment of Portion of Reed Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated that in January, the Commission voted to abandon a section of Reed Road. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Quit Claim Deeds before the Commission will finalize the action.

Reports - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

Adjournment

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:41 a.m.

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REGULAR SESSION
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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 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 of July 8, 2019, and the regular session of July 9, 2019. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY 2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

EMA Director and Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a grant award for Juvenile Court in the amount of \$410,135.00. Chief Tye stated that approval of the award packet before the Commission is required for the acceptance to move forward. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve acceptance of the award, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Program Renewal

HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the County's annual property and casualty renewal in the amount of \$745,721.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal includes a safety credit of \$44,118.00, and a dividend credit of \$92,519.00. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal at the current deductible level, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Grassy Pond Sewer Connection

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Moody Air Force Base has submitted a request to connect the sewer at Grassy Pond to the County's sewer system. Mr. Stalvey further stated that RPI, Inc., submitted the low bid in the amount of \$518,673.30. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the low bid as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Hospital Authority Refunding Revenue Certificates

County Attorney, Walter Elliott, presented the item. Mr. Elliott stated the Hospital Authority of Valdosta-Lowndes County issued Revenue Certificates in 2011, adding the Authority is now in the process of issuing Refunding Revenue Certificates in order to realize a significant savings. Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of South Georgia Medical Center CEO Bill Forbes, CFO Grant Byers and COO David Schott. Mr. Forbes addressed the Chairman and Commissioners, thanking them for their support. Mr. Forbes stated the refunding will save the hospital millions of dollars without extending the length of the debt. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Forbes for his willingness to serve and credited him with much of South Georgia Medical Center's recent progress. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

SPLOST VIII Agreement

Chairman Slaughter presented the SPLOST VIII Agreement for consideration. Chairman Slaughter stated that since an agreement is moving forward, SPLOST VIII collections will be for a period of six years. Chairman Slaughter further stated all project lists are solid lists that will benefit the community for years to come. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandonment of Portion of Reed Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Reed Road was previously abandoned by the Commission, adding the Quit Claim Deeds will return the property to adjoining property owners. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the deeds as presented, 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

Michelle Williams, 4120 Cider Trail, Hahira, addressed the Commission regarding the need for a spay/neuter ordinance in Lowndes County. Ms. Williams stated the current over population issue is overwhelming the County's shelter, local rescues and available volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:48 p.m.