

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 26, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
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 12, 2021, and the regular session of July 13, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer and Wine License - Roger S. George with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., DBA Cracker Barrel #89 - 4914 Timber Dr., Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this item is for the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. DBA Cracker Barrel #89, located in Lake Park, Georgia to request a license to sell beer and wine for consumption on premise.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Easement Documents for Hightower Road, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County needs 3.07 acres of right of way for the Hightower Road / Cooper Road, TSPLOST Paving Project owned by the United States of America, as described in the attached easement. The temporary easement is valid for five years.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Program Renewal, HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$806,342.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal before the Commission includes safety credits in the amount of \$47,173.00, and dividend credits in the amount of \$89,947.00. Additionally, Mr. Beals stated the renewal

amount decreased approximately by \$12,000.00, from last year. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the amount being approved is \$806,342.00, Mr. Beals responded yes.

Annual Contract Renewal, Georgia Department of Corrections - Prison Work Details, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$147,954.00, with the Georgia Department of Corrections for three prison work details. Mrs. Cumbus stated two of the details will be assigned to the Public Works Department for easement maintenance and one will be used by the Engineering Department for storm water management efforts. Mrs. Cumbus stated if no work is performed, no payment is due.

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented a contract between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University in the amount of \$52,132.50, for the annual trapping and testing of mosquitoes.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Tiffany Linkswiler, with the Board of Elections office, her husband passed away last night and to please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of attorney-client communication regarding pending or potential litigation. At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of a privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session, no additional information was discussed. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:00 a.m.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, July 27, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

Chairman Slaughter recognized Dylan Ridalski, with the Boy Scouts of America, representing Troup 454.

Chairman Slaughter also stated agenda item 6a is being pulled from the agenda with no discussion or voting needed.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 12, 2021 and the regular session of July 13, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested. Vice Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer and Wine License - Roger S. George with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., DBA Cracker Barrel #89 - 4914 Timber Dr., Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this is a request for the sale of beer and wine for consumption on premise. No one spoke for or against this request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Easement Documents for Hightower Road, Before the meeting began, Chairman Slaughter announced this item was being pulled from the agenda.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Program Renewal, HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$806,342.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal includes a safety credit of \$47,173.00, and a dividend credit of \$89,947.00. Commissioner Orenstein thanked Mr. Beals for his work on this matter. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if errors and omissions were included, Mr. Beals responded yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Annual Contract Renewal, Georgia Department of Corrections - Prison Work Details, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented the annual contract renewal between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Corrections in the amount of \$147,954.00, for three prison work details. Mrs. Cumbus stated two of the details would be used by the Public Works Department and one would be used by the Engineering Department. Mrs. Cumbus additionally stated the County would be billed monthly, only if services were rendered. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Annual Contract Renewal for Mosquito Identification and Testing, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented a contract between Lowndes County and Valdosta State University in the amount of \$52,132.50, for the annual trapping and testing of mosquitoes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the contract renewal as presented, Commissioners Orenstein and Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, informed the Commission regarding the current increase in COVID cases with county staff; Mrs. Dukes has asked Mr. Beals and Mr. Tye to coordinate with those departments. Lowndes County Fire Rescue's Recruit Class finalized their skills evaluations last week and will move on to additional certifications and training. Mrs. Dukes stated the Technical Review Committee (TRC) has set a tentative date of late October or early November regarding the ULDC; to have a full working draft with an end goal to be adopted prior to the end of the year. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a Second Harvest Grant opportunity with recovery money in the market coming through the state for the capital project regarding expansion; a multi-million dollar project if the county is available to be a grant sponsor for them through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mrs. Dukes stated Kimberly Hobbs with SGRC and Mr. McLeod will be working together on this grant.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session meeting at 5:43 p.m.