

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, October 25, 2021 - 8:30 AM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 11, 2021 and the regular session of October 12, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY2022 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement in the amount of \$22,950.00. The stream gauge for the Little River site is \$14,500.00, and the Withlacoochee River site is \$8,450.00. Mr. Tye stated there was an increase of \$450.00 from the previous year.

Beer and Wine License - Nehaben Patel of Shree 4946, LLC, DBA Triangle Foods - 4946 US Hwy 41 S, Lake Park, GA, Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented a request for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Mrs. Taylor stated the request is due to a change in ownership and all requirements for the license have been met. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this location was near the cabinet shop off of 41 South, Mrs. Taylor responded yes.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, reminded the Commissioners and staff of the ribbon cutting being held this morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Clyattville Fire Station.

Lowndes County Extension Office Presentation (Work Session), County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Mr. Joshua Dawson, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent with the Lowndes County Extension Office. Mr. Dawson presented the Commission with a presentation detailing the Lowndes County Extension Office operations in the area. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked Mr. Dawson regarding the Ham and Egg Show being brought back, Mr. Dawson responded he didn't believe it

would take place. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Dawson for the information and for his service to Lowndes County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, October 25, 2021 - 5:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes Class Members of 2021 and thanked them for their interest in our community.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Wisenbaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Wisenbaker

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION TO VALWOOD VALIANTS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Chairman Slaughter recognized the Valwood Valiants Volleyball Team for their accomplishments and asked Commissioner Griner to present the proclamation.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 11, 2021, and the regular session of October 12, 2021. Vice Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY2022 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the annual agreement in the amount of \$22,950.00. Commissioner Orenstein made the motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding the price increase, Mr. Tye stated no explanation was given. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long has the County had an agreement with US Geological Survey, Mr. Tye answered since 2009.

Beer and Wine License - Nehaben Patel of Shree 4946, LLC, DBA Triangle Foods - 4946 US Hwy 41 S, Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and all requirements have been met. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to

approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, thanked everyone for attending the Clyattville Fire Station ribbon cutting this morning. Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission that law enforcement has scheduled trick or treating for Saturday, October 30th. The Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the historic courthouse. Mrs. Dukes asked the Commissioners if they would be interested in a walk thru of the historic courthouse and if so, that could be scheduled. There will be a joint electronics recycling event being held on November 13th between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the City of Valdosta Public Works Department. The Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber and Lowndes County will be co-sponsoring a Farmer of the Year breakfast being held on December 9th, 7:30 a.m. at the civic center. The Finance Director, Stephanie Black, and her staff have begun preparing budget packages. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission of the transmittal hearing for the Comprehensive Plan tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the farmer of the year nominations were for Lowndes County farmers only, Mrs. Dukes responded Echols County will be included as well.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the commission to thank them for not changing the character area maps.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular session, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.