

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Wednesday, December 20, 2006  
4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Rodney N. Casey  
Vice Chairman J. Edgar Roberts  
Commissioner Richard C. Lee  
Commissioner G. Robert Carter

Chairman Casey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Judicial Building Construction Contract**, County Attorney, Walter Elliott, presented that a motion was required to approve the Chairman to execute the contract before the Commission. Chairman Casey and Vice Chairman Roberts asked if the text of the agreement had been amended. Mr. Elliott replied that there had been no text changes. Chairman Casey stated that the length of the contract was 728 days. Vice Chairman Roberts questioned the cost listed in Supplement B to which Mr. Elliott replied that the costs listed were presented by Pinnacle Prime. Commissioner Lee questioned the contract title being listed as Lowndes County Administrative and Judicial Complex. Mr. Elliott stated that he had the same concern; however, the architect provided the same language that was sent out with the proposal. Vice Chairman Roberts made a motion to approve the signing of the contract by Chairman Casey, Commission Carter second. Motion carried.

**Lease for District Attorney's Office**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated that he had been working with the District Attorney for the past 18 months in an effort to locate adequate space for the relocation of his office during the construction of the Judicial Complex. Mr. Pritchard added that a location had been secured that would require minor modifications such as the creation of a room for the Grand Jury. Further, the property owner was requesting that the County sign a 24 month lease. Vice Chairman Roberts stated that he did not have a problem with committing to a 24 month lease being that the judicial project was estimated to take 728 days to complete. Special Projects Director, Jim Carter, stated that the property owner had also agreed to extend the lease at the end of the 24 months if necessary with a slight increase in price. Commissioner Lee asked when the lease would begin, to which Mr. Carter answered in January. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the contract for 24 months as presented, Commissioner Carter second. Motion carried

**Lowndes County Jail-Phase I, Change Order**, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated that it had become necessary to install a fence around the loading dock and parking lot adjacent to the sally port for security reasons. Chairman Casey

added that the change order would also provide a secure parking area for Judges. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the change order, Vice Chairman Roberts second. Motion carried.

Chairman Casey requested a motion for an executive session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege related to potential litigation. Commissioner Lee made the motion as presented, Commissioner Carter second.

Chairman Casey called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., stating that the Commission had reviewed items related to House Bill 489 and had asked the County Attorney to convey the wishes of the Commission in writing to the City of Valdosta. Commissioner Lee made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to draft a response to the City of Valdosta related to the City's proposals concerning water and sewer, accommodation excise tax and parks and recreation to be forwarded to the City as a single proposal with all three issues being presented as one, Vice Chairman Roberts second. Motion carried.

Chairman Casey made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 6:19 p.m.

Chairman Casey called the meeting to order and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

---

Rodney N. Casey, Chairman

---

K. Paige Dukes, County Clerk