

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 23, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Scott Orenstein was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 9, 2019, and the regular session of September 10, 2019. No changes to the minutes were submitted.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Jury Management System for the Lowndes County Clerk of the Court,

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated the jury management system is over 20 years old and was used with the AS-400. There will be no support for the system by the end of December 2019. The Clerk's office reviewed four systems and has chosen the ICON Jury 360 jury management system. Mr. Kostyu stated he forgot to add 10 % contingency, making the new total, \$53,350.00.

Approve Condemning ROW for Howell Lane Paving Project,

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated .05 +/- acres, owned by Ms. Cecelia Carr, along Howell Lane for road right of way needs to be acquired by the county. Ms. Carr hasn't responded to the county engineer or the county attorney. In order to complete the Howell Lane Paving Project, the subject property needs to be condemned and a resolution adopted approving this condemnation. The commission previously approved \$1,469.00 as the purchase price for this property.

Second Modification of GEFA Loan Agreement,

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan approved in October 2017 needs to be modified for an extension of contract due to changes in schedule dates and the loan payment schedule. The extended loan payment schedule will result in an increased interest cost of approximately \$3,500.00. Chairman Slaughter asked if this is the

extension of product and if we are fortunate the GEFA loan could be paid off sooner, Mr. Stalvey answered yes, that's correct.

Request for Professional Engineering Services Proposals – Community Development Block Grant,

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated this request is for professional engineering services proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Proposal packages are due at 2:00 pm this afternoon. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the purpose of this request is due to a project recently announced by the Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority, Arglass Yamamura, in order to comply with the deadline given, this request needs to be on the agenda tomorrow night. Commissioner Marshall asked what the services are for, Mr. Fletcher answered: an entrance road, extended water and sewer main, a railroad spur and lift station. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if this was located on Rocky Ford Road, Mr. Fletcher responded yes.

BIDS

Bid for ½ Ton Truck for the Fire Department,

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item stating this vehicle will be used to respond to medical calls that do not require the response of a much larger engine. This is an approved budget item with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$29,195.00.

Bid for a Breathing Air System for the Fire Department,

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented this item stating bids were received for a new fully enclosed breathing air compressor and containment fill station. This system will replace the one currently used at Fire Station 10 that is over 20 years old. This new system has an expected operational life of 15-20 years. This is an approved budget item with B & T Enterprises submitting the low bid in the amount of \$41,790.00. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if there was a trade in value, Fire Chief, Ashley Tye responded the item could be placed on govdeals.com, but due to the age, he was doubtful it would sell.

REPORTS – County Manager

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the commission will recognize Finance Director, Stephanie Black, her staff, and Harrison Tillman with the GFOA certification for finance tomorrow at the regular session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:38 a.m.