

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
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 and regular meeting of February 10, 2020. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Case REZ-2020-01 Nancy G. Hobby, 2626 Loch Laurel Rd. R-1 to E-A, Well & Septic, ~10.0 acres (Districts 3 and 5)

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone in an effort to preserve farmland. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Rezoning Case REZ-2020-02 SKT Investments, LLC, Lester Rd. E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, ~10.55 acres (Districts 3 and 5)

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone for the purpose of subdividing the lots for the purpose of building up to eight single-family dwellings. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Microsoft Server 2019 Datacenter License

ITS Representative, Paul Basehore, presented a request in the amount of \$24,613.44, to purchase a Microsoft Datacenter license to replace the current end-of-life versions. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Accept Hamm Estates Dr. into the County Road Inventory for Maintenance

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the request. Mr. Fletcher stated staff is seeking direction regarding a recently submitted petition, signed by property owners on Hamm Estates Drive. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, referenced the resolution addressing private roads that was approved by the Commission in October of 2019. Mr. Elliott stated staff is treating the petition as a trigger for the process. Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept the road into the county's road inventory to include staff moving forward with improvements, Commissioner Orenstein second. Commissioner Griner asked if Commissioner Evans' motion could be clarified to include staff will move forward with improvements subject to successful execution of the next steps in the process to include the road being dedicated to Lowndes County. Commissioner Evans clarified and amended her motion based on Commissioner Griner's recommendation, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$43,245.50, for the purchase of right of way. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchases as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Acquisition

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request to purchase right of way in the amount of \$11,535.00. Mr. Fletcher stated the right of way purchase for property number 7 also includes a deed for 0.084 acres of no longer needed county right of way along Clyattstone Road that abuts Allen and Sally Woods' property. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve the exchange and deeds in a public vote. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase and exchange as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

2020 Administrative Services Agreement with Allied Benefit Systems, Inc.

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$290,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Deannexation of Ganas Property by Lake Park

County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated Jerry Ganas has a lot in Lake Park, part of which is inside the City of Lake Park with the rest of property located in unincorporated Lowndes County. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the resolution before the Commission only indicates the county's willingness to accept the property. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for Repairs to Knights Academy Road

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request for emergency repairs in the amount of \$50,433.00, to be paid to Rountree Construction. Mr. Fletcher stated there were several culvert aprons found that needed repairs, during routine inspections. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Dr. Michael Noll, a resident of the City of Valdosta, addressed the Commission regarding his support of additional funding for Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful.

Ms. Jeannette Coody, 2202 Deborah Drive, addressed the Commission regarding her support of additional funding for Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:56 p.m.