

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Bill Slaughter

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Joyce E. Evans

Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker

Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Scott Orenstein was not in attendance.

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

**INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the regular session of May 26, 2020. No work session was held due to COVID-19 social distancing recommendations. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Valdosta/Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals**

Chairman Slaughter stated there are two vacancies, adding that while Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman is not interested in continuing to serve, Mrs. Victoria Copeland would like to be reappointed. Vice Chairman Marshall nominated Mr. Marion Ramsey. Commissioner Griner asked if Mr. Ramsey was in attendance, to which Vice Chairman Marshall replied no. Commissioner Griner made a motion to table the appointment to give more time to consider a candidate. Vice Chairman Marshall stated he was fine with tabling as well. Commissioner Wisenbaker provided a second to Commissioner Griner's motion. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Griner nominated Mrs. Victoria Copeland for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Copeland was reappointed by acclamation.

**South Regional Joint Development Authority**

Chairman Slaughter stated the appointments were presented at the work session, adding he would like to nominate Mrs. Andrea Schrujier and Commissioner Clay Griner, for reappointment. There

being no other nominations, Mrs. Schruijer and Commissioner Griner were appointed by acclamation to serve another term.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Rezoning Case REZ-2020-04 (Districts 2 & 4) Two Oaks Cottages, Mac Rd. R-A to P-D, County Water & Sewer, ~3.38 acres**

Planning and Zoning Director, JD Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to rezone to P-D for the purpose of developing no more than twenty-five lots on the property. Mr. Dillard stated that while the Planning Commission has not addressed the request, it has been reviewed by the TRC with no objectionable comments being raised. No one spoke against the request. Matt Phelps, 4560 Val North Drive, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant and as the project's engineer. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Rezoning Case REZ-2020-05 (Districts 1 & 4) Jose Lage, 4055 Knights Academy Rd. R-A to P-D, Well/Septic, ~36.926 acres**

Planning and Zoning Director, JD Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to develop an event facility/venue for weddings, reunions, corporate events, etc. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would also like to maintain his home and his livestock on the site. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Planning Commission did not meet on the matter; however, the TRC found the request consistent with the area and recommended three conditions. No one spoke against the request. Matt Phelps, 4560 Val North Drive, spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant as the project engineer. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request with the following conditions: The property may be used only for uses permitted in the Residential Agricultural (R-A) zoning district, and an event facility where the operation of an event facility is limited to meetings, retreats, celebrations, and weddings for groups no larger than the fire code allows for the proposed buildings/area. Outdoor performances by bands or ensembles that are accessory to a meeting, retreat, celebration, or wedding shall be allowed. The hours of operation of the event facility shall be limited to 8am to 11pm, including adherence to the Lowndes County Noise Ordinance (Nov. 2011), unless otherwise noted on the LCBOC approved site plan, the use of the property shall be subject to all standards applicable to properties in the R-A zoning district, and exterior lighting shall be shielded to avoid direct illumination of adjacent properties, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Blue Lake Lift Station Emergency Repair**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a proposal in the amount of \$71,789.00, for an emergency repair at the Blue Lake lift station. Mr. Stalvey stated discharge pipes at the station are leaking due to corrosion. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the repair with RPI Underground, Inc., in the amount of \$71,789.00, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Upgrades to Lowndes County Facilities through a Comprehensive Project Contract**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a proposal for ABM Building Solutions, Inc., to evaluate and perform upgrades to county facilities through a comprehensive project contract. Mr. Pritchard

stated that recommended improvements will be funded through operational cost savings. Mr. Pritchard further stated that if the Commission chose to refrain from moving forward with improvements, the county will owe ABM \$50,240.00 for their work on the survey, analysis and final proposal. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to move forward and approve the letter of intent as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Approve Condemning ROW and Drainage Easement for Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. TSPLOST Paving Project**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$1,208.80, related to the condemnation of 0.147+/- acres of right of way and 0.017+/- acres for a drainage easement for the project. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS - County Manager**

No additional information was presented.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - Please State Your Name and Address**

Michael Noll, 2305 Glynndale Drive, spoke on behalf of KLVB.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 5:56 p.m.