

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, June 23, 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 Wisenbaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Wisenbaker

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 8, 2020, and regular session of June 9, 2020. Commissioner Orenstein 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

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the appointment was presented during the work session at which time Mr. Marion Ramsey had an opportunity to address the Commission. Vice Chairman Marshall nominated Mr. Marion Ramsey to fill the seat formerly held by Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman. There being no other nominations, Mr. Ramsey was appointed by acclamation.

South Georgia Regional Library Board

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the terms of Ray Devery, Sam Allen, Matthew Lawrence, Gary Wisenbaker and Gene Toffolo will expire on June 30. Mr. Pritchard further stated that due to term limits on the board, Mr. Devery, Mr. Allen and Mr. Lawrence cannot be appointed to another term at this time, adding Mr. Wisenbaker and Mr. Toffolo are interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Pritchard stated Dr. Beverley Richardson-Blake and Dr. George Gaumond are interested in being considered for appointment. Commissioner Griner nominated Dr.

Richardson-Blake, Dr. Gaumont, Mr. Wisenbaker and Mr. Toffolo for appointment. There being no other nominations, all four were appointed.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat held by Ms. Suzan Prince will expire June 30, adding Ms. Prince would like to continue to serve. Mr. Pritchard also explained that the seat held by Mr. Cisco Diaz will expire on the same date, adding Mr. Diaz's seat is a rotating appointment that will transfer to the county. Mr. Pritchard further stated that Mr. Diaz would like to be considered for appointment by the county. Chairman Slaughter nominated Ms. Prince and Mr. Diaz for appointment. There being no other nominations, both were appointed by acclamation.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Tripp Howell's seat on the board will expire June 30, adding Mr. Howell would like to continue to serve. Mr. Pritchard further stated it is the county's turn to appoint a member to serve in the general contractor position on the board, adding both Mr. Keith Scarborough and Mr. Thomas Ley are interested in serving. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Mr. Howell and Mr. Smith for appointment. There being no other nominations, both gentlemen were appointed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Acceptance of FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the acceptance in \$58,008.00, in federal funding for the purpose of purchasing personal, protective equipment needed in response to COVID-19. Mr. Pritchard stated there is no match required, adding the amount allocated to Lowndes County is based on population. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to accept the funding, Vice Chairman Marshall and Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the budget for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Commissioner Evans second. Commissioners Wisenbaker, Orenstein and Griner voted against the motion. The motion failed due to lack of a majority vote. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to table the budget until such time it can be properly advertised for consideration, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one against. Motion carried.

Hotel/Motel Tax FY 2021 County Budget

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the county is required to adopt the plan as part of the county's budget. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bevel Creek Manhole Emergency Repair

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a "not to exceed" cost estimate in the amount of \$82,000.00, from RPI Underground for the repair of a collapsed manhole at the Bevel Creek lift station. Mr. Stalvey stated there were no spills related to the incident, adding the collapse is attributed to recent heavy rains. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the estimate and the emergency repair, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

The Modernization/Upgrade of the Elevator in the Governmental Building

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a quote in the amount of \$57,300.00, from Albany Elevator Service, to repair the elevator in the Governmental Building. Mr. Pritchard stated the quote will provide for an upgrade as required; however, it is not a replacement. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the upgrade as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Val Tech Road Grading, Drainage, Base and Paving

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with The Scruggs Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$148,345.58. Mr. Fletcher stated the county solicited bids in relationship to the expansion of the Allied Health Building at Wiregrass Technical College. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the low bid as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Electa Rickett, 1217 Hickory Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the funding of KLVB.

Michael Noll, 2305 Glynndale Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the funding of KLVB.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m.