

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, October 12, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Clay Griner
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 21, 2020, and the regular session of September 22, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

Addition to Basic Decorative Street Lighting District - Coventry Villas Subdivision, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item stating a petition was received and verified to add thirty-eight lots of Coventry Villas Subdivision into the County's basic decorative street lighting district. The current charge for the basic decorative street lighting is \$61.50 per lot, per year. The County will take over November 2021. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked where this subdivision is located, Mr. Dillard responded off of Bemiss Road.

REZ-2020-13 Carolyn Williams 7141 Ousley Road (0039 010) E-A to R-1, Well and Septic, ~5.71 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented this request, stating the applicant of 7141 Ousley Road would like to rezone from E-A (Estate Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning. The applicant would like to subdivide 5.71 acres into five individual one acre lots. The Planning Commission recommended denial of this request and the TRC recommended approval.

REZ-2020-14 Fox Hill Plantation 8163 Miller Road (0010 004) E-A to PD-R, Well and Septic, ~11.1 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented this request to rezone 8163 Miller Road from E-A zoning to PD-R. This applicant would like to use the subject property for an event facility/venue, primarily for weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, corporate events and community gatherings. The applicant's residence is adjacent to the proposed event space property. Mr. Dillard stated the Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions and the TRC approved this request with conditions.

REZ-2020-15 Ivey Lane Duplexes Ivey Road (0145B 095, 96, 97) C-H to R-10, Water and Sewer, ~0.99 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, stated the Planning Commission recommended denial of this request and the applicant's request has been withdrawn.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer and Wine License - Hardik Patel of Drishna 1 Corporation DBA GA FL Fuel Center #978 - 7215 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated all requirements for the beer and wine license have been met, adding the request is due to a change in ownership.

Approval of Increase in Convenience Fees for Web and Telephone Payments, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented this request. Ms. Black stated an increase in convenience fees is being requested from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per transaction, for payments made on the website or via telephone.

2021 LMIG Resurfacing Grant Application, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated that as a part of Georgia Department of Transportation's LMIG program, Lowndes County will receive \$1,107,500.64, that requires Lowndes County to match ten percent, due to having a TSPLOST. Mr. Fletcher further stated that the project list is before the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Marshall asked a time frame for paving the Lake Alapaha area and Gaines Lane, Mr. Fletcher responded the paving should begin in the spring of 2021.

Abandonment of Artherman Lane, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated a request to abandon Artherman Lane was received and an attached drawing shows the location in the south part of the county. Mr. Fletcher stated due to a gate being installed on this road, Lowndes County can't maintain the area and it needs to be closed.

Nelson Hill Lift Station Pump Upgrade, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated due to the growth on Val Del Road the pumps in the Nelson Hill lift station need to be upgraded. Xylem submitted a quote for quantity two 25hp pumps for \$42,067.69. Staff recommends approval.

2020 Addressing Victimization within the Juvenile Justice System Grant Application, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is soliciting applications for funding for local jurisdictions to implement evidence-based and trauma informed services to delinquently charged youth who have been directly impacted by abuse, neglect, or trauma. Due to COVID-19, a blanket match waiver has been issued so any awards issued will be exempt from the match requirement and funded 100% through the grant.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to enter into an executive session at 8:41 a.m., Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed.

Motion carried. The executive session called to order at 8:45 a.m. and adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Orenstein at 8:57 a.m., Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the work session at 8:58 a.m., Vice Chairman Griner second. No other discussion took place. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session.