

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, October 27, 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 regular session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Slaughter recognized Ms. Jeanette Coody with the Azalea City Women's Club. Ms. Coody presented County Manager, Paige Dukes, a plaque in recognition of her being the first female county manager in Lowndes County, Georgia.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 12, 2020, and the regular session of October 13, 2020. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Public Facilities Authority, Chairman Slaughter stated the seats currently held by Mr. Michael Walker, Mr. Crawford Powell and Mr. Scott Purvis have expired. All have expressed an interest in being reappointed. Chairman Slaughter recommended reappointing Mr. Michael Walker with his term expiring May 31, 2022, reappointing Mr. Crawford Powell with his term expiring May 31, 2023 and reappointing Mr. Scott Purvis with his term expiring May 31, 2023. There being no other nominations, Mr. Walker, Mr. Powell and Mr. Purvis were reappointed by acclamation. Chairman Slaughter stated for the vacant seat that still needs to be filled, that appointment will be placed on the next meeting in November. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there was a list of duties that could be sent to him regarding this board.

Public Hearing

Abandonment of Artherman Lane, Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Commission made the initial determination at their last regular meeting held October 13, 2020, adding the item has been advertised and remains ready for consideration. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to abandon Artherman Lane, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant, Chairman Slaughter stated Ms. Karen Hayes presented this grant request during the work session. There being no additional questions, Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Solicitor-General's Office 2021 VAWA Competitive Application, Chairman Slaughter stated Ms. Karen Hayes presented this grant request during the work session. There being no additional questions, Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the upcoming budget calendar for consideration. Ms. Black stated while the budget must be approved by June 30, the other dates can be adjusted if needed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the calendar as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal, Chairman Slaughter stated Mrs. Paige Dukes presented the item on behalf of District Attorney, Brad Shealy, during the work session meeting. There being no additional questions, Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Stone Creek Elevated Tank Coating, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the bids ranged from \$148,000.00 - \$215,115.00, with Southeastern Tank & Tower, Inc. submitting the low bid for \$148,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this work would interfere with the services provided by the Lowndes County Utilities Department, Mr. Stalvey responded no. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bid for Four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks for the Public Works Department, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the bid for a quantity of four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks for the Public Works Department. Ms. Black stated Beck Motors was the only bidder to meet specifications for a 2021 Peterbuilt 348, for \$116,049.00 each, with a total cost of \$464,196.00. Commissioner Marshall asked how long does it take to receive the trucks, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, stated 120 days.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, spoke in response to Commissioner Marshall's question at the work session meeting, there were six unauthorized burns this year, 33 authorized controlled burns by permits, and 158 other types of grass related fires, outside debris, etc. Mrs. Dukes further explained fire rescue staff have been trying to educate the community when called out for burnings and leaving a copy of the burn ordinance for the citizens to review. Commissioner Marshall thanked Mrs. Dukes for the information. Mrs. Dukes also stated that she has asked Fire Chief, Lloyd Green, to update the current burn ordinance. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated 911 Director, Danny Weeks, informed her that the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC), went through the audit process this morning at their office and GCIC found no issues. Mrs. Dukes stated Halloween events will be held by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Miller Business Park as a drive thru event and beginning 3:30 p.m. on Highway 84 West, at the Rivers Radio Group, they will have an event with 'Sparky' the fire rescue dog in attendance.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:50 p.m.