

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, November 9, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 26, 2020 and the regular session of October 27, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes informed the Commission the seats held by Commissioner Joyce Evans and Michael Smith will expire December 31, 2020. Mrs. Dukes further stated both Commissioner Evans and Mr. Smith have expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if Mr. Smith worked with the Greater Valdosta United Way, Mrs. Dukes responded yes.

Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated there is one vacant seat remaining on this board and Mr. James "J.D." Rice has expressed an interest in serving.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2020-16 Sandra Jones 7001 Simpson Rd (0031 047C & 047G) E-A to R-A, Well and Septic, ~11.19 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to sell four acres of the subject property to remain in compliance with the ULDC. The Planning Commission recommended approval with one condition, any new residential development be a stick-built home. Vice Chairman Griner asked the number of acres the applicant would like to sell, Mr. Dillard responded four acres with the zoning of R-A (Residential Agricultural).

REZ-2020-17 Adams Property Group 3833 Inner Perimeter Road (0149A 036D) R-10 to C-G, City Water & Sewer, ~7.41 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to develop a self-storage facility. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments. Mr. Dillard additionally stated the applicant has requested to table this rezoning until the December meeting.

REZ-2020-18 Water's Edge Rocky Ford Road (0059 093) E-A to M-2, Water & Sewer, ~37.12 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to develop a manufacturing facility; in order for the parcel to remain in conformity with the ULDC, a change in zoning would be necessary. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if everything was going to be transported by trucks, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Chairman Slaughter wanted to verify if the Development Authority had any issues regarding this property, as far as any contaminants from this new development in relation to Arglass, Mr. Dillard responded there are no issues.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Grant Re-Application for the 5311 Rural Transportation Program and Associated Resolution, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the grant reapplication for Lowndes County's Georgia Department of Transportation 5311 Transit Program. Mr. Dillard informed the Commission the program ran 6,095 trips in 2020.

Adopt Resolution accepting Infrastructure for Knights Landing Subdivision Phase IV

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the County is being asked to accept all infrastructure related to Phase IV, adding the work is substantially complete at this time.

Approve the Purchase of 418, 420, and 422 North Lee Street Properties

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the County has negotiated to purchase 418, 420 and 422 North Lee Street properties from Blackwater Development, LLC for \$70,000.00. The Commission is asked to approve the purchase and sign the warranty deed.

Waste Management Acquisition of Advanced Disposal Services

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Advanced Disposal has merged with Waste Management and their name is changing to Waste Management.

BID

Approve Proposals for Disaster Debris Removal Services

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the proposals. Ms. Black stated FEMA requirements stipulate the county have two debris management companies in place, in the event of a related emergency. Ms. Black further stated staff recommended three companies, Crowder Gulf, Ashbritt, and Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC, in the event one was unable to perform. Ms. Black added there would be no cost to the county, unless the services were needed.

Approval of Debris Monitoring Services, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the proposals. Ms. Black stated FEMA requirements recommend the county have one debris monitoring service in place, in the event of a related emergency. Ms. Black further stated staff recommended

Thompson Consulting Services, LLC and DebrisTech, LLC, in the event one was unable to perform. Ms. Black added there would be no cost to the county, unless the services were needed.

REPORTS - County Manager

No additional information was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:39 a.m.