

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, December 7, 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 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of November 9, 2020 and the regular session of November 10, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Lowndes County Development Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Brooks Akins, Mr. Gary Cannon and Mr. Jerome Tucker's terms will expire December 31, 2020. They have all expressed a desire to be reappointed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor License - James Lee Vann, Sr. of The Big Dummy's Pub - 4991 US HWY 41 S, Lake Park, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated Mr. James Lee Vann, Sr. currently has a beer and wine license for consumption on premise and is requesting to serve liquor as well.

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 this rezoning request was tabled from the last meeting held November 10, 2020. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to develop a self storage facility. A variance was requested and approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals on November 3, 2020. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments. Chairman Slaughter reminded the commission this property does not have county water and sewer currently, if rezoned, the property owner has expressed a request for city water and sewer; which would require an extraterritorial agreement on the city's behalf for water and sewer - outside of well and septic. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the city water line is on the same side of the road, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding a buffer, Mr. Dillard responded there would be a forty foot vegetative buffer.

REZ-2020-19 Trillium Creek 3435 Bemiss Knights Academy (0146B 099) R-A to R-10, Water & Sewer, ~36.4 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant would like to develop the infrastructure for a subdivision similar to the adjoining property to the north, known as Crestwood Subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC noted that a secondary ingress/egress point was needed for emergency access to the western portion of the proposed lots. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding the zoning of the subdivision to the north, Mr. Dillard stated that it is zoned R-10.

REZ-2020-20 Ballyntyne 6712 Clyattstone Road (0071 008) R-1 to R-10, Water & Sewer, ~40.3 acres, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. The applicant has made a rezoning request to develop the infrastructure for approximately 105 lots in a residential subdivision consisting of detached single family homes. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no technical objections.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution Rejection Quitclaim Deed; Affidavit Regarding Title- Branch Point, Planning Analyst, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the county received a quitclaim deed from H.W. Stephenson, Jr. and Kim Stephenson which had been executed and recorded. The county did not request or solicit the Quitclaim Deed and has no need for the property. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Commission is being asked to consider a resolution rejecting the quitclaim deed and a proposed affidavit regarding the title. Commissioner Marshall asked what is the outcome, in the event the quitclaim deed is rejected, County Attorney, Walter Elliott, stated the title will remain in the Stephensons' name and they will continue to own the property.

Conveyance of County Property in Exchange for County Road Right of Way- Fender Road, Planning Analyst, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated Lowndes County is in the process of acquiring right of way on Fender Road and information regarding the land exchange between the county and Mr. Bill Touchton is enclosed.

Georgia Forestry Commission Services Agreement, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the agreement. Mr. Stalvey stated the services and assistance for controlled burns at the LAS property are recommended to improve the spray fields.

Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court- State Court, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented a request for grant match funding in the amount of \$381.00, for the Lowndes County DUI Court. Mrs. Dukes stated that according to information submitted by State Court, supplemental grant funds have been awarded to assist with surveillance officer compensation.

2021 Holiday Schedule, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the 2021 Holiday Calendar for consideration. Mr. Beals stated the Veterans Day holiday was being provided for your consideration. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if all of the holidays are paid holidays, Mr. Beals responded yes. Chairman Slaughter stated he believes it is a good idea to add this holiday to honor those employees who are veterans. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Commissioners Wisenbaker and Marshall were veterans as well.

Section 125 Plan Document Renewal for 2021, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated approval of the plan will allow qualifying employee deductions to be withheld pretax and in accordance with IRS guidelines.

2021 ACCG Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$192,711.00, to include discounts and safety credits that reduce the annual premium to \$174,759.00.

2021 Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Renewal Through Symetra Life Ins. Company, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual Stop Loss coverage related to Lowndes County's self insured employee insurance plan, in the amount of \$1,240,297.00. Mr. Beals stated that after EPIC shopped rates for the new year, Symetra offered the best terms with the lowest available rates.

2021 Commission Meeting Calendar, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the calendar. Mrs. Dukes stated staff took into consideration annual holidays and the ACCG Annual Conference when preparing the calendar.

BID

Bid for 2 - Three Quarter Ton Trucks for the Engineering Department, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item for a quantity of two, three quarter ton trucks for the Engineering Department. One bid was received that met specifications with Cass Burch submitting the bid for two 2021 Dodge Ram 2500's in the amount of \$60,862.00 (total for two trucks).

Bid for a Sport Utility Vehicle for the 911 Center, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item for a sports utility vehicle for the 911 Center. Ms. Black stated this new vehicle will replace a vehicle that was returned to the original department for which it was purchased. One bid was received that met specifications with Cass Burch submitting the bid for a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the amount of \$27,367.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, explained the number of employees present is due to the Door Decorating Contest. Mrs. Dukes stated the judges for the Door Decorating Contest were Susan Mullis, Jessica Catlett and Judge John Edwards. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated staff followed the contest rules established and maintained by Code Enforcement Director, Mindy Bates and Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard. Chairman Slaughter commended those departments and individuals which participated and thanked everyone for their excitement and enthusiasm. Contest Winners:

Most Original - ITS Department, Elves Watching You

Best Individual - Engineering Department, Mike Fletcher, Stink Stank Stunk

Staff Choice & Best Department - Utilities Department, Santa's Sweet Shoppe

Best Overall - Public Works Department, The Grinch

ADJOURNMENT

County Attorney, Walter Elliott, introduced Jennifer Monroe, a new attorney who joined their firm last month. Chairman Slaughter welcomed Ms. Monroe. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:57 a.m.