

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Courtney Sheeley, Director of Communications and Special Projects with the South Health District, updated the Commission on COVID-19 and the vaccination process.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Wisenbaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Wisenbaker

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 25, 2021 and the regular session of January 26, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer, Wine, and Liquor License - Lucila Parker of Restaurante Mexicano San Judas Tadeo, Inc., DBA Restaurante Mexicano San Judas Tadeo, Inc. - 4333 Bemiss Rd. Suite 12, Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the applicant is requesting a license for the sell of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on premise. Ms. Black additionally stated this location was previously operated as Riviera Maya, but has been closed. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Wine License - Manishaben Patel of Sai Krupa 2018 LLC, DBA JP Foods #2 - 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the applicant would like to request to add wine to their current license. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

2021 Public Defender Contracts, Chairman Slaughter stated Chief Circuit Administrator, with the Southern Judicial Circuit Public Defender, Patti Sutton, presented to the Commission during the work session. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the contracts, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ULDC Revision - Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC), Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is an agreement between Lowndes County and the consulting firm of Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) to assist with revisions to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). Commissioner Marshall asked if proposed use zoning would be included in the update, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Whitewater Road Lift Station Pump, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the cost of repair exceeds the cost of a new pump and staff recommends purchasing a new pump at a cost of \$39,158.70. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for a Lift for the Public Works Department, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated there were five responsive bids received for the purchase of a lift for the Public Works Department with Preferred Rental submitting the low bid in the amount of \$39,261.63. Commissioner Marshall asked if this falls below the local preference guidelines of two percent, Ms. Black responded that it fell outside of the guidelines at 2.97%; however, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, stated there is a local office for Preferred Rental on Madison Highway. Commissioner Orenstein asked regarding the service and warranty work, if that would be done locally and Mrs. Cumbus responded yes. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioners Evans and Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Reports - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, recognized Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey and his staff, for helping in the community by delivering food boxes (provided by Second Harvest) for the past few months, to the Azalea Towers residents for those with Alzheimer's and their care givers. Mrs. Dukes mentioned budget packages are due this Friday, February 12th. Additionally, Mr. Dukes stated the County Excellence Awards, which ACCG sponsors, will honor programs in the area of health care. Mrs. Dukes mentioned our local partnership with Moody AFB, Public Health, SGMC, and EMA and Mrs.

Dukes has asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye, to help with a submission for this award as related to our vaccine program, testing program, record keeping, etc. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes mentioned while on the radio talk show this morning, a local business owner notified her and would like to donate a water feature on the Griner property.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 5:49 p.m.