

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 13, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

VLPR Adopted Master Plan Presentation by Dr. David Barth (Work Session)

Dr. David Barth provided the commission with a presentation regarding the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority Master Plan.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 23, 2021, the Millage Hearing of August 24, 2021, and the regular session of August 24, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2021-14 LAR Properties of Lake Park 5359 Mill Store Road, Lake Park P-D to C-H, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request is to obtain a single commercial zoning on the subject property for expansion of an existing commercial (recreation vehicle sales) operation. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC recommended the need to maintain a permanent easement to access the County Utilities in the northernmost corner of the property.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer & Wine License - Falguniben Chaudhary of Aarush 420 Corp., DBA Barrett's Food Mart - 6685 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for a license for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met.

Agreement for Automatic Aid in Fire and Emergency Services between Lowndes County and Moody Air Force Base, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Chiefs from Moody Air Force Base as well as Lowndes County Fire Rescue, Chief Green, have been exploring ways for our fire departments to work and train together. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated

this is a part of furthering our mission to provide more services to Moody Air Force Base. Mrs. Dukes stated this Automatic Aid Agreement will be handled through dispatch, adding this will provide for additional coverage on the north end of the county.

Lowndes County Historic Courthouse Early Demolition and Abatement GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price), Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated that Lowndes County Staff along with the Architect (Gladwin Vaughn Architecture) and the Construction Manager (Allstate Construction and Cauthan Construction Joint Venture, LLC) have decided to move forward with an early demolition and abatement project instead of including this work in the construction phase. Mr. McLeod stated this will help in identifying many other unforeseen items that can be addressed in the construction documents before they are complete and ready for public bids.

GMASS Commercial Contract, Chief Appraiser, Lisa Bryant, presented the contract in the amount of \$108,000.00. Ms. Bryant stated the agreement would provide for the commercial property assessment duties required to submit a commercial property digest to the Assessors' Office.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, wished Chairman Bill Slaughter a Happy Birthday. Mrs. Dukes then requested an executive session for the purpose of attorney-client communication regarding pending or potential litigation. At 9:12 a.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session, no additional information was discussed. Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Vice Chairman Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session meeting.