

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, June 27, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Demarcus Marshall were not in attendance.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session and the regular session of June 16, 2022 and the FY 2023 Budget Public Hearing held June 16, 2022. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals**, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat currently held by Mr. Randall Crews is expiring and Mr. Crews has expressed a desire to be reappointed.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Budget Plan for Hotel Motel Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2023**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission is required to approve a budget for the use of hotel-motel proceeds each year, adding the Tourism Authority's budget is also required to be included in the county's budget plan.

**Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission held the required public hearing on June 16, 2022, adding the budget remains ready for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Black added that any recommended changes will need to be included as a part of the motion during the regular meeting. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked to verify if all of the required hearings had occurred, Ms. Black responded yes.

**Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court Grant Award- State Court**, State Court Judge, Ellen Golden, presented a request to renew the State Court's DUI Accountability Court Grant. Judge Golden stated her office has received a grant in the amount of \$132,193.00, for the upcoming fiscal year that requires a twelve percent match in the amount of \$18,026.00. Judge Golden further stated that in addition to the twelve percent match, there is a shortfall in the salary and benefits of the surveillance officer's contract salary

since it cannot be fully funded by the grant, which brings the total request to \$42,495.00. Judge Golden stated there has been a total of 30 active participants since the program began in 2017.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Water and Sewer Infrastructure for Kinderlou Forest Subdivision Phase 8-A**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County is being asked to accept water/sewer infrastructure; however, the roads will remain private.

**Adopt Resolution Accepting Water and Sewer Infrastructure for Kinderlou Forest Subdivision Phase 9**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County is being asked to accept water/sewer infrastructure; however, the roads will remain private.

**Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Project Delivery Application - Old Clyattville Road Widening**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the local project delivery application starts the process to allow Lowndes County to manage the project and procurement process at the local government level. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked when the construction will begin, Mr. McLeod answered construction will start in 2024.

**Cyber Security Maturity Continuation**, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this item is requested to enter the next phase of the Cyber Security Maturity model. Mr. Kostyu stated it was approved last year and the project will provide more detailed reports for external and internal assessments. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked if this is a budgeted item, County Manager, Paige Dukes, answered yes.

## **BID**

**Bid for Tractor for Public Works**, Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, presented a request to purchase a new tractor for right-of-way mowing. Mrs. Woods stated the county received two bids that met specifications and Southern Tractor submitted a bid in the amount of \$50,000.00 and has been selected due to local vendor preference.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

No additional information was presented.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Vice Chairman Orenstein adjourned the work session meeting at 8:41 a.m.