

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 26, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESEN:

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 12, 2022 and the regular session of September 13, 2022. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, requested in writing, that the regular session minutes be revised to reflect changes with the REZ-2022-10 rezoning item.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer and Wine License - Parulben Patel of Burlington, LLC., DBA Kraftland - 4592 North Valdosta Road, Suite B, Valdosta, GA, Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented the item. Mrs. Taylor stated the applicant is requesting a beer and wine license at 4592 North Valdosta Road, for consumption off premises. Mrs. Taylor further stated this is for a new establishment.

South Lowndes LAS Expansion Assessment and Testing, Utilities Director, Steve Stavley, presented the item. Mr. Stavley stated as part of the South Lowndes Land Application System (LAS) Expansion, additional assessments and testing is required. Mr. Stavley stated Nutter and Associates has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$45,460.00.

Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Old Clyattville Road Widening Project Agreement, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has approved the Transportation Investment Act Local Government Application for the Lowndes County Old Clyattville Road widening project. Mr. McLeod stated this is the Project Agreement which is required to be executed prior to beginning work.

Comprehensive Facilities Energy Savings Project Amendment Resolution, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the comprehensive facilities energy savings project with ABM is nearing completion on the mechanical side of the project. ABM and staff have been concerned regarding the current condition of the two existing chillers located inside the Judicial and Administrative Complex. Mr. McLeod stated chiller #1 is currently inoperative due to an oil separator issue and chiller #2 runs at 90% on days with higher temperatures and leaks a large amount of oil. Mr. McLeod stated staff is also concerned with one boiler that was not changed

during the original contract and would like to move forward with the replacement of the boiler. Mr. McLeod stated that due to the nineteen (19) week lead time, the chillers will be ordered as soon as possible, if this request is approved. The project can be completed by amending the existing contract and lease financing to include both chillers and boiler plant upgrades. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked how old are the chillers, Mr. McLeod answered thirteen (13) years old. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked regarding a maintenance contract with the chillers, Mr. McLeod responded that the previous warranty information is being reviewed. Additionally, Mr. McLeod stated the manufacturer discontinued this model and parts are difficult to order for the chillers. Mrs. Dukes stated the chillers should last 30 years or longer. Mrs. Dukes stated in addition to ABM inspecting these chillers, Johnson Controls was brought in for a second opinion. Chairman Slaughter stated the chillers will need to be replaced and this is the best option, to amend the current plan with ABM. Commissioner Marshall asked if funding through ARPA was an option, Mrs. Dukes answered no, what can qualify under ARPA funds are those measures put in to make the air cleaner or to filter more and that has already been done with the ABM plan and this part of the hardware would not qualify. Chairman Slaughter mentioned it is important to go ahead and order this equipment, due to the delay in manufacturing and shipping.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, to update the commission regarding the potential hurricane impact of Hurricane Ian. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Tye for his preparation and leadership during this time in helping the local governments and the citizens of Lowndes County to prepare. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a 1:00 p.m. meeting scheduled with all of the Department Heads today. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes mentioned the possibility of standing up the EOC on Wednesday, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.