

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, January 9, 2023 - 8:30 AM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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 December 12, 2022 and the regular session of December 13, 2022. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat currently held by Mr. Jonathan Vigue, the Wild Adventures General Manager, expired December 31, 2022. Mr. Vigue has expressed a desire to continue to serve and Mr. David Westberry, who works in the State Court's office, has also expressed a desire to be appointed to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority Board.

South Georgia Regional Library (SGRL) Board, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Steve Boatner resigned from his position on the South Georgia Regional Library Board, leaving a vacant seat due to no longer living in the area. Mrs. Dukes stated the board submitted Ms. Darlene Ridley for consideration and Mr. David Westberry has also expressed a desire to serve.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Dan Deaver's term expired June 30, 2022 on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority. Mrs. Dukes stated Dr. Vince Miller, who works with Valdosta State University, is currently a city appointee on the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority and he has recently moved to the unincorporated area. Mrs. Dukes stated with the uncertainty that the city will leave Dr. Miller in his seat, Mrs. Dukes asked the commission to consider appointing Dr. Vince Miller to Mr. Dan Deaver's seat and that will leave Dr. Miller's seat open with the city to appoint someone else to fulfill his unexpired term. Chairman Slaughter stated he attends the Valdosta Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority meetings and Dr. Miller is always engaged. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked when that board meets, Mrs. Dukes responded on the third Wednesday of each month, at 4:30 p.m., at the administrative office located at 1901 North Barack Obama Blvd.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Patrol Car Laptop Lease, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the lease with Dell, in the amount of \$150,900.00, for three years. Mr. Kostyu stated this lease has the option to keep these computers after the lease, in which the laptops would be used for training purposes.

Extension of Agreement for ULDC Updates, County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is an extension of the contract between Lowndes County and the consulting firm of Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) for updates to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and to provide technical assistance throughout the course of the extension through December 31, 2023. Chairman Slaughter asked if we expect the process of this contract extension period to be enough time to be completed, Mr. Dillard responded yes.

Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Cattle Crossing Subdivision, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Cattle Crossing Subdivision, located on Knights Academy Road, has twenty-four (24) lots. Mr. David Deloach, the developer, has requested Lowndes County to accept all infrastructure to include roads, drainage and utilities. Mr. McLeod stated engineering and utilities staff have completed the final inspections of the project.

Approval of SG's VOCA Continuation Grant Award for 2022-2023, Solicitor General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Solicitor General's Office has received this VOCA Continuation Grant since 2014. Ms. Hayes stated this grant funds two full-time victim advocates and allows the Solicitor General's Office to continue to provide services to victims earlier in the criminal justice process. Ms. Hayes further stated the requested \$6,000.00 cash match will offset the funding requested to provide health benefits to the employees funded by this grant.

Stop Loss Insurance Coverage through HM Insurance Group, 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 \$1,190,046.00. Mr. Beals stated that after EPIC shopped rates for the new year, HM Insurance Group offered the best terms with the lowest available rates, also with a savings of \$156,518.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slaughter reminded those in attendance that the Regular Session Commission Meeting will be held tonight, Monday, January 9th, at 5:30 p.m. instead of tomorrow night, Tuesday, January 10th, at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

