

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, November 13, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Clay Griner

Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker and Commissioner Demarcus Marshall were not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 23, 2023 and the regular session of October 24, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta - Lowndes County Development Authority (Joint Appointment)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. John Crawford's term with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority will expire January 1, 2024 and Mr. Crawford has expressed a desire to continue to serve. This is a joint appointment by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and the Valdosta City Council. If reappointed, the City Council will be notified.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024

Solicitor General's Office, Victim Services Director, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is seeking competitive applications and the initial award period is January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Further, Ms. Hayes stated the \$25,669.00, cash match will fund the continuation of the grant used by the Solicitor's Office to address crimes against families and women.

Cross Connection Control Plan

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires Lowndes County to update our cross connection control plan. Utilities staff, in conjunction with Lovell Engineering Associates (LEA), has put together a cross connection control plan that meets Georgia EPD criteria.

A New Addition to the Lowndes County Jail Construction

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the new addition for the Lowndes County Jail Construction Manager selection process began in September

2023 when staff advertised the Request for Proposals (RFP's) on the project for a Construction Manager. Mr. McLeod stated two rfp's were received and staff selected and interviewed with the selection committee, Mr. McLeod stated the selection committee consisted of three staff members from the jail, two administrative and the architect. Once the interviews were complete, they were scored. The maximum number of points to score is 630. Allstate Construction and Cauthan Construction scored 627 points and Gideon Construction scored 559 points.

Code Red Service Agreement Renewal

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement for renewal, in the amount of \$31,500.00. Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County has utilized Code Red as a mass notification system to provide residents of Lowndes County with emergency notifications for emergency situations such as severe weather, boil water notices and other emergency situations since 2007. Mr. Tye stated there was no change in the cost from last year.

BID

Lowndes County 911 Bids

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Lowndes County 911 project is an approved SPLOST VIII project. This project includes a new storage building, renovation of four (4) offices, and resurfacing of the existing parking lot. Staff received three bids with Chuck Smith & Son Construction submitting the low bid in the amount of \$192,780.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.