

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Commissioners Present

Chairman Bill Slaughter

Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker

Commissioner Joyce E. Evans

Commissioner Scott Orenstein

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioner Clay Griner

Chairman Slaughter called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes class members and thanked them for their interest in the community.

Chairman Slaughter reminded those in attendance of the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony the following morning at 11:00 a.m., and of Sheriff Paulk's event to dedicate a monument to Lowndes County deputies killed in the line of duty.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Marshall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Marshall

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 26, 2019, and the regular session of August 27, 2019. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Greater Lowndes Planning Commission (GLPC)**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Ed Hightower expired on September 9, adding Mr. Hightower has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mr. Pritchard further stated Mr. Jody Hall has resigned, effective August 26, 2019. Mr. Pritchard stated Keith Jackson, Bryan Inman, James Warren, Sarah Denton, Paul Alvarado and Vicky Biles have all expressed a desire to fill the unexpired term. Chairman Slaughter requested the appointments be addressed individually and nominated Mr. Ed Hightower for reappointment. There

being no other nominations, Mr. Hightower was appointed by acclamation. Chairman Slaughter called for the second appointment and nominated Mrs. Vicky Biles. Commissioner Orenstein also nominated Mr. James Warren. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and Commissioners Evans and Marshall voted for Mrs. Biles. Mrs. Biles was appointed by majority vote.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way off Ivandale Circle**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission made the initial determination at the last regular meeting, adding the request has been advertised and remains ready for consideration. No one spoke for or against the request. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to abandon the unopened right of way as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Rezoning Case REZ-2019-12 Val Del 61, Val Del Road R-1 to P-D, County Water and Sewer, ~28.436 acres**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone the property so that it can be developed at a greater density. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC has no objectionable comments. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein requested he be recused due to his company having a contractual agreement with one of the applicants on another matter. Chairman Slaughter accepted Commissioner Orenstein's request. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Motorola SUAll (Evergreen)**

911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented an agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$489,370.00, for maintenance and upgrades related to the system used by 911. Mr. Weeks stated the agreement provides for all maintenance and upgrades and will be paid monthly in the amount of \$40,779.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Refunding Revenue Bonds to be issued by South Regional Joint Development Authority for the benefit of VSU ASRE Georgia, Reade, Hopper, LLC**

County Attorney Walter Elliott, presented a resolution Refunding Revenue Bonds to be issued by the South Regional Joint Development Authority for the benefit of VSU ASRE Georgia, Reade, Hopper, LLC. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

No additional information was reported.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:43 p.m.