

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, September 9, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans

Commissioners Scott Orenstein and Clay Griner were not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 26, 2019, and the regular session of August 27, 2019. No changes to the minutes were submitted.

APPOINTMENT

Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointments, Mr. Ed Hightower's term expires September 9, 2019 and he has expressed an interest in being reappointed. Also, Mr. Jody Hall resigned his seat and his term will expire October 13, 2019. Mr. Pritchard stated Mr. Keith Jackson, Mr. Bryan Inman, Mr. James Warren, Mrs. Sarah Denton, Mr. Paul Alvarado and Mrs. Vicky Biles names have been submitted for consideration. Chairman Slaughter asked since Mr. Hall's term expires in October, will the appointment be for a full term, County Attorney, Walter Elliott, responded since Mr. Hall was resigning, the appointment would be for a full term. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked how many years would the term last, Chairman Slaughter answered five years.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of Unopened Right of Way Ivandale Circle, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission made the initial determination at their last regular meeting, adding the request remains ready for final consideration tomorrow night.

Rezoning Case REZ-2019-12 Val Del 16, 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 subject property so it can be developed at a greater density. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Planning Commission

questioned the availability of county water and sewer and whether Val Del Road is equipped to handle the increased traffic, with county staff answering yes to both questions. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and the TRC had no objectionable comments. Mrs. Stevenson also mentioned that another request for rezoning was submitted for next month for the parcel adjacent to the south.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Motorola SUAll (Evergreen), 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the item stating this agreement with Motorola SUAll (Evergreen), will allow Lowndes County to maintain a current system by providing system upgrades every two years, as well as 24/7 support. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked will this happen again in two years, Mr. Weeks responded no, this is an annual approval. Commissioner Marshall asked if the amount of \$489,310.00 was annual, to which Mr. Weeks responded yes.

Reports – County Manager

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented an item to be considered as an addition to the agenda for the regular meeting. The 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 additional information regarding the resolution approving issuance of refunding revenue bonds. There being no objection from the Commission, Chairman Slaughter asked that the item be added to the agenda.

On behalf of staff, County Manager, Joe Pritchard, recognized Commissioner Evans for her birthday.

Chairman Slaughter reminded those in attendance of the September 11th ceremony beginning at 11:00 am at the historic courthouse and also of the special monument dedication by Sheriff Paulk, being held September 11th beginning at 12:00 pm at the historic courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:43 a.m.