

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioners Scott Orenstein and Demarcus Marshall were not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association Award,

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, announced the award. Chairman Slaughter thanked Finance Director, Stephanie Black, and her staff for their commitment to preparing and presenting financial information in a very clear and precise manner. Finance Director, Stephanie Black, gave a brief explanation of the standards set by GFOA and stated this is the 13th consecutive year Lowndes County has received this award.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 9, 2019, and the regular session of September 10, 2019. No changes to the minutes were submitted. Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Jury Management System for the Lowndes County Clerk of the Court,

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the ICON Jury 360 jury management system for \$53,350.00, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approve Condemning ROW for Howell Lane Paving Project,

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated .05 +/- acres, owned by Ms. Cecelia Carr, along Howell Lane for road right of way needs to be acquired by the county for \$1,469.00. Ms. Carr hasn't responded to the county engineer or the county attorney. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve condemning right of way for Howell Lane Paving Project and to approve a related resolution, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Second Modification of GEFA Loan Agreement,

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan approved in October 2017 needs to be modified for an extension of contract due to changes in schedule dates and the loan payment schedule. The extended loan payment schedule will result in an increased interest cost of approximately \$3,500.00. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the second modification to the GEFA loan agreement, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Request for Professional Engineering Services Proposals – Community Development Block Grant,

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated three request for proposals were received for professional engineering services for public infrastructure improvements for Arglass Yamamura. Lowndes County will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for this project. Lowndes County staff rated the three proposals received with Lovell Engineering Associates, P.C. receiving the highest score. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request for Lovell Engineering Associates, P.C., Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BIDS

Bid for ½ Ton Truck for the Fire Department,

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$29,195.00, for the purchase of a 1/2 ton truck for the fire department. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bid for a Breathing Air System for the Fire Department,

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented this item with B & T Enterprises submitting the low bid in the amount of \$41,790.00, for the purchase of a breathing air system for the fire department. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker 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.

Chairman Slaughter recognized members of the Leadership Lowndes Class.

ADJOURNMENT

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