

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

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

Commissioner Orenstein was not present due to attending an affordable housing meeting in Washington, D.C.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Griner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Griner

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 21, 2019, and the regular meeting of October 22, 2019. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Revision of the County Occupation Tax Ordinance**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the revised ordinance. No one spoke for or against the update. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the revised ordinance, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant and VAWA Continuation Grant Application**

Chairman Slaughter stated Mr. Cabral presented both grant requests during the work session. There being no additional questions, Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve both requests, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal**

Chairman Slaughter presented the item, stating District Attorney, Brad Shealy, attended the work session. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item in the amount of \$138,000.00. Mr. Fletcher stated the funding amount represents Lowndes County's LMIG match for safety improvements to Knights Ferry Road, Trotters Ridge Subdivision, Pikes Pond Road, Amberly Trail, Copeland Road, Joseph Road, Studstill Road, Lloyd Jackson Road, Hammock Hill Heights Subdivision and Sandbridge Drive. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Grant Re-Application for the Rural Transportation Program and Associated Resolution**

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the grant reapplication for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall questioned the proposed change in services slated for January 1, 2020. County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated the criteria by which the grant can be used does not provide for trips to and from urban areas. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the item as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Approval of the Submittal Resolution for the CDBG-EIP Grant Application for Street Paving and Drainage Improvements to Support the Arglass Project**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated staff is available to answer any questions, adding the grant was discussed during the work session. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the grant application, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **A Resolution to Support Eliminating Through Tractor Trailer Truck Traffic Downtown**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated Lowndes County has received a request seeking support for a solution to eliminate truck traffic through downtown Valdosta. Vice Chairman Marshall questioned the timeline for the project. Mr. Pritchard stated that he is not aware of a timeline being announced. Chairman Slaughter stated the resolution is just a show of support, adding it is too early for the development of a specific timeline. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Transfer of Chitty Park to Parks and Recreation Authority**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the request will clear up the legal description of property already conveyed to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission Joint Ordinance / Agreement**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the updated ordinance. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the update as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Hart Road Lift Station Pump**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the cost of repairs exceeds seventy five percent of the cost of a new pump. Mr. Stalvey further stated staff recommends replacing the pump at a cost in the amount of \$30,589.30, due to the cost of repair. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **BID**

#### **Bids for Lowndes County Judicial and Administrative Complex Roof Cleaning**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Proficient Pool and Lawn Service, Inc., presenting the low bid in the amount of \$39,500.00. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

#### **Bids for a New Generator for 911**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Ace Electric submitting the sole bid with three options. Ms. Black stated the existing generator is no longer in service, adding a working generator is required in the event the 911 Center loses power. Ms. Black further stated the County has been renting a generator until a purchase could be approved. Project Manager, Chad McLeod stated staff recommends purchasing a Caterpillar Generator in the amount of \$99,000.00. Mr. McLeod further stated staff has been pleased with the service provided by Caterpillar. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long the previous generator was in service, to which Mr. McLeod replied twenty six years. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

No additional information was reported.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular meeting at 5:54 p.m.