

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of November 11, 2019, and the regular meeting of November 12, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Addition to Basic Decorative Street Lighting District - Phase V, Creekside West Subdivision (GA Hwy 122) and Phase II, Quarterman Estates Subdivision (Whitewater Rd.)**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the item represents a request for two separate developments to be added to Lowndes County's street lighting district. Mrs. Stevenson further stated Phase V of Creekside West includes twenty-one lots, adding Quarterman Estates Subdivision would like to add thirty-one lots. Mrs. Stevenson reported both subdivisions have been advertised in accordance with the county's policy, adding the current cost is \$61.50 per lot, per year. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long the assessment lasts, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied every year until it is reassessed.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-15 Hogan Property, US Hwy 41 S. & Wellman Pl. E-A/R-1/M-1 to M-2, Well & Septic, ~7.01 acres Districts 3 & 4**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to bring an existing salvage yard into compliance. Vice Chairman Marshall questioned the fencing requirement. Mrs. Stevenson stated she understands the slats in the chain link are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if the entire property is fenced, to which Mrs. Stevenson replied yes.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-16 Bailey, 6529 Skipper Bridge Rd. 0067-079 E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, 2.5 acres Districts 2 & 5**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant is requesting to rezone 2.5 acres of a 5 acre tract to create a ULDC conforming parcels, adding the rest of the tract will be added to an adjacent parcel to the south. Mrs. Stevenson stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-17 Quillian Powell, 2686 Loch Laurel Rd. R-1 to E-A, Well & Septic, ~78.92 acres Districts 3 & 5**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone so that a prospective buyer can utilize the land as provided for in an Estate Agricultural Zoning District. Mrs. Stevenson further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

**Rezoning Case REZ-2019-18 Davis, 2180 New Statenville Hwy. 0188 167G & 0188 172 E-A & R-1 to R1, Well & Septic, ~13.73 acres Districts 3 & 4**

Planning Representative, Molly Stevenson, presented the item. Mrs. Stevenson stated the applicant would like to rezone so that the property can be subdivided into two residential lots, with the remaining property combined with an adjacent R-1 parcel. Commissioner Wisenbaker questioned the intended use. Mrs. Stevenson stated two portions could be used for residential lots.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adoption of the 2020 - 2021 Budget Calendar**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the budget calendar. Mrs. Black stated the Commission is required to adopt a balanced budget by June 30, adding the other dates are presented as guidelines to keep the process on track.

**Beer license - Kalpeshkumar Patel of Omni K Corp., DBA Eagle Food Mart - 4952 Bemiss Rd., Valdosta, GA**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for a license for the sale of beer off premise. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership, adding all requirements have been met.

**Francis Lake Lift Station Pump**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to repair a Xylem pump, in the amount of \$31,426.80. Mr. Stalvey stated that due to the cost of a new pump, staff recommends repairing the existing pump.

### **Termination of Lease - Public Defender**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that due to the relocation of the Public Defender's office, the space previously occupied is no longer needed. Mr. Pritchard further stated that as a result, the lease agreement with IDP South Patterson Street, LLC, for property located at 106 South Patterson Street has been prepared for termination as of the end of 2019.

### **Hahira Extraterritorial Water and Sewer Service Extensions**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated that in accordance with the Special Settlement Provisions of the Lowndes County Service Delivery Strategy Agreement effective July 1, 2008, Hahira is requesting to serve 59.627 acres on the south side of Hahira. Mr. Pritchard further stated the property was annexed into the City of Hahira by Mayor and Council on November 7, 2019. Mr. Pritchard added that if there are no objections, Hahira's request remains ready for approval.

### **2020 Holiday Schedule**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the 2020 Holiday Calendar for consideration. Mr. Beals stated the holidays are scheduled in accordance with Lowndes County's Personnel Policy Manual.

### **Section 125 Plan Document Renewal for 2020**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated approval of the plan will allow qualifying employee deductions to be withheld pretax and in accordance with IRS guidelines.

### **2020 Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the renewal in the amount of \$182,971.00 to include discounts and safety credits that reduce the annual premium to \$165,229.00.

### **Approval of the 2020 Commissioner Meeting Calendar**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the calendar. Mr. Pritchard stated staff took into consideration annual holidays and the ACCG Annual Training Conference when preparing the calendar.

### **Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court- State Court**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a request for grant match funding in the amount of \$2,035.00, for the Lowndes County DUI Court. Mr. Pritchard stated that according to information submitted by State Court, supplemental grant funds have been awarded to assist with surveillance officer compensation.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard requested that two items be added to the agenda for consideration during the regular meeting. Mr. Pritchard stated that the City of Remerton needs to allocate SPLOST proceeds due to the demolition of the Remerton Mill building. Mr. Pritchard further stated an agreement for software to manage jury selection for the Clerk of Superior Court is also available for consideration.

Chairman Slaughter asked staff to add both items to the agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:52 a.m.