

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, January 11, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Superior Court Judge, Gregory Voyles, was in attendance and recognized by Chairman Slaughter.

**Special Presentation by Brian Dawson, M.D. - COVID-19 Update (Work Session only)**

Dr. Brian Dawson, Chief Medical Officer, with South Georgia Medical Center, updated the Commission on COVID-19 and the vaccination process.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 7, 2020 and the regular session of December 8, 2020. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REZ-2020-20 Ballyntyne 6712 Clyattstone Road (0071 008) R-1 to R-10, Water & Sewer, ~40.3 acres**, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this item was tabled at the December 8th meeting. Mr. Dillard stated the applicant has proposed a Planned Development requested by the Commission. Additionally, Mr. Dillard mentioned the surrounding neighbors, who were in opposition of the rezoning, haven't had a chance to review the changes. Chairman Slaughter asked is the request to table once again, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding the lots to the left, Mr. Dillard answered those were located in the Grove Pointe subdivision. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the developer is okay with tabling, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Chairman Slaughter mentioned since information was received last week, it would be wise to table for the developer and Mr. Dillard to meet with the residents in opposition.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Approval of Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE, Right of Way Purchases**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$28,000.75, for the purchase of right of way. Mr.

Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 11, 12, 15, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 26QCD, 27, 29, 30, 31A, 31B, 32A, and 32B. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote.

**Approval of Railroad Agreement for Hightower Road Project**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, stated as part of the Hightower Road Paving Project, the Lowndes County Engineering Department will be installing railroad arms and safety signals at the railroad crossing on Hightower Road. Mr. Fletcher further stated there will be no cost to the county since this expense was budgeted and paid with TSPLOST funding.

**Low Pressure Sewer Force Main Upgrade on Old Bemiss and Bemiss Knights Academy Road**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, stated the low pressure sewer force main on Old Bemiss and Bemiss Knights Academy Road is at capacity and needs to be upgraded. Bids were received from four contractors with RPI, Inc. submitting the low bid for \$96,556.75.

**Moody Water Treatment Plant Emergency Repair**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated there was an emergency repair needed at the Moody Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Stalvey stated RPI, Inc. submitted a 'not to exceed' cost estimate for \$25,000.00. Mr. Stalvey further stated this work was performed during the week of December 28, 2020. Lastly, Mr. Stalvey stated this repair is a reimbursable item on the contract, with Lowndes County paying \$2,500.00 and Moody Air Force Base reimbursing the balance.

## **BID**

### **Bid for a Pumper for the Fire Department**

Fire Chief, Lloyd Green, presented the item with Ten-8 Fire & Safety presenting the low bid for \$351,115.00. Chief Green stated the company has also offered a payment upon order discount at a rate of \$343,277.00.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:10 a.m.