

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 12, 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.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 22, 2021 and the regular session of March 23, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2021-04 Union Station Union Road (0028 028A) C-H/C-C to P-D, Hahira Water & Lowndes Sewer, ~7.5 acres, County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated the applicant is requesting a change in zoning in order to develop a multi-family apartment complex. Mrs. Amiot stated this location would be served by the City of Hahira for water and Lowndes County sewer, which was approved at the City of Hahira Council meeting last week. Mrs. Amiot further stated the Planning Commission recommended approval, adding the TRC had no objectionable comments. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify that the City of Hahira agreed with the City of Hahira providing water service only, Mrs. Amiot responded yes it was approved at their last meeting. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding a portion of the property which was located between the interstate, would that be used for greenspace, Mrs. Amiot stated she could find out.

REZ-2021-05 Amanda Patch, GA Hwy 135 (0247 034) E-A to R-A, Well & Septic, ~5 acres, County Planner, Trinni Amiot, presented the item. Mrs. Amiot stated the applicant would like to divide approximately five acres into two 2.5 acre lots, so the existing homes may be sold separately. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this rezoning had come before the commission previously, Mrs. Amiot responded no. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there were two existing homes on the property, Mrs. Amiot responded yes.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Creekside West Phase 6 & 7, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher,

presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the County is being asked to accept water/sewer infrastructure; however, the roads and storm drain infrastructure will remain private.

Quit Claim Deeds for Abandoned Right of Way for Dineshkumar Patel, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Mr. Dineshkumar Patel has asked the County to quit claim to him a portion of the right of way of Baytree Road, west of I-75, adjoining his property that was abandoned after the construction of I-75. Mr. Fletcher stated Mr. Patel will be using this property for possible future development.

Resolution Creating Special District for Fire Protection Services, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this resolution is required for the commission to have the flexibility to access the millage for the unincorporated area for fire services, when the millage is set after the budget. Currently, staff is working to determine the facility cost and an estimated amount will be given at a later date.

Commission Chambers Audio and Visual Upgrade, Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the audio and visual system in the Commission Chambers needs to be replaced. Staff has received two proposals, with the lowest being S & L Integrated Systems, LLC for \$110,147.78. Commissioner Marshall asked if this included video/recording capability, Mr. McLeod stated the system will not be set up for live streaming.

Proposed Deannexation of Property of Uvalde Land Company, LLC, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this property is owned by James Warren and the request is to deannex from the City of Valdosta to use his property for recreational use (hunting). Mrs. Dukes stated once the commission approves, Mr. Warren can continue to move forward with the City of Valdosta. Chairman Slaughter asked if there was a process to follow as far as agreements with who initiates the requests, Mrs. Dukes responded on a case by case basis, the county attorneys may reach out to the city attorneys and coordinate the process.

BID

Resurfacing of Various County Roads, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item with the Scruggs Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$1,537,134.87. Mr. Fletcher stated the contract will provide for the resurfacing of fourteen (14) county roads with the Georgia Department of Transportation covering \$1,107,500.64 of the cost with LMIG grant funds. Additionally, Mr. Fletcher stated Gaines Lane is on the resurfacing list. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding the timeline, Mr. Fletcher stated Gaines Lane will be completed first.

North Lowndes Soccer Complex Phase II, Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item with Standard Contractors, Inc. presenting the low bid in the amount of \$1,811,758.00. Mr. McLeod stated the county received four bids. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how this is being paid, Mr. McLeod stated SPLOST VIII. Chairman Slaughter asked if phase two would be completed before the opening of the park, Mr. McLeod responded Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Director, George Page, would be contacted regarding this matter.

A New 30,000 Gallon Draft Pit for Lowndes County Fire Rescue, Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item with Standard Contractors submitting the low bid for \$225,329.00. Mr. McLeod stated the 30,000 gallon drafting pit will be constructed at Lowndes County Fire Rescue Station 10 Headquarters.

A New Shooting Range Shelter for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, presented the item with Kellerman Construction presenting the low bid in the amount of \$304,252.00. Mr. McLeod stated the Sheriff's Department Shooting Range was approved in SPLOST VIII. Further, Mr. McLeod stated all grading, foundations and buildings installed would be included in the contract.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated this week is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week. These offices will be recognized for their service to our community.

ADJOURNMENT

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