

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, June 7, 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 May 24, 2021 and the regular session of May, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat held by Bubba Highsmith will expire June 30, 2021, adding Mr. Highsmith would like to continue to serve.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Agreement for HVAC Service for Additional Lowndes County Buildings, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the recently entered agreement with ABM for an energy management project, that will include upgrades of HVAC equipment in a number of facilities as well as maintenance for a period of time, did not include some county buildings in that original agreement. Additionally, Ms. Black stated ABM has provided an agreement to extend the HVAC service to these facilities for two years. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the payment schedule, Ms. Black responded \$28,842.00, is the annual payment on that agreement to cover all the buildings. Commissioner Marshall inquired if local vendors would be used, County Manager, Paige Dukes, responded that ABM has looked for local technicians in our area to perform those services.

Acceptance of Quitclaim Deeds for a portion of Gaines Lane, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated that Lowndes County has received signed quitclaim deeds for a portion of Gaines Lane, a private dirt road. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County will add Gaines Lane into the county road inventory for maintenance.

Insolvent List - Tax Commissioner, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented this item stating it was tabled from the last meeting, due to questions regarding paving assessments. Mrs. Dukes stated the list is in order and ready for the commission's consideration.

BID

Fender Road Improvement Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the project includes Fender Road being paved from Whitewater Road to its intersection with Williams School Road. Mr. Fletcher further stated The Scruggs Company submitted the low bid, in the amount of \$618,767.14.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated annual assessment notices mailed from the Tax Assessors office did not include the exemptions for the county fire millage. Mrs. Dukes stated the notices were being revised and remailed this week. Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker asked what is the next step regarding this process, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, stated the budget approval is at the end of June and the millage is set in early August.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of a privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation. Commissioner Evans made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of a privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session, no additional information was discussed. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:29 a.m.