

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker was not in attendance.

Chairman Bill Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes Youth League Class Members and thanked them for their interest in our community. Chairman Slaughter also recognized the presence of City Councilwoman, Sandra Tooley.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Griner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Griner

PRESENTATION

GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the award, stating this award marks the sixteenth consecutive designation for Lowndes County's budget documents. Chairman Slaughter congratulated Ms. Black and her staff and thanked them for their hard work.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 7, 2022 and the regular session of February 8, 2022. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice Chairman Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Ms. Kelley Saxon is due to expire on March 8, 2022 and Ms. Saxon has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated there is an additional vacant seat and Mr. Carlton Richard has expressed a

desire to serve. Chairman Slaughter nominated Ms. Kelley Saxon for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Ms. Saxon was reappointed by acclamation. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Mr. Carlton Richard, Vice Chairman Evans second. There being no other nominations, Mr. Richard was appointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Addition to Basic Decorative Street Lighting District: Cypress Lakes Subdivision, Phase IV (26 lots) and Plantation Point Subdivision (87 Lots), Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the request stating a petition was received and verified to add twenty-six (26) lots of Cypress Lakes Subdivision, Phase IV and eighty-seven (87) lots of Plantation Point Subdivision into the County's basic decorative street lighting district. Mr. Dillard stated the current charge for the basic decorative street lighting is \$61.50 per lot, per year. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer and Wine License - Nehaben Patel of Hari Krupa 3663, LLC., DBA JP Foods 2 - 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and all requirements for the license have been met. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Beer and Wine License - Manishkumar Patel of Busy Stop, LLC., DBA Misha Food Mart - 5139 Madison Hwy., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premise. Ms. Black stated the request is due to a change in ownership and all requirements for the license have been met. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Language Access Plan and Resolution for Federally Funded Grants and Programs, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the updated plan and resolution. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the language access plan as presented, adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated an annexation and rezoning application was received from the City of Valdosta from Murray Staten Farms, VA-2022-03, and this request has been withdrawn and no further action is needed. Mrs. Dukes stated the Commission Retreat will begin tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Vice Chairman Evans adjourned the regular session at 5:42 p.m.