

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, May 8, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

Commissioners Scott Orenstein and Clay Griner were not present.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 24, 2023 and the regular session of April 25, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Abandonment of a Section of Hightower Road**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Commission made the initial determination at the March 14, 2023 regular session meeting, adding the request remains ready for consideration. Mr. McLeod stated removing the highlighted section of Hightower Road would promote the security of aircraft at Moody Air Force Base.

**REZ-2023-05 AB Motorsports, Old Clyattville Road, R-A to C-C, 0.88 acres, County Utilities**, County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the request, stating it was withdrawn by the applicant.

**REZ-2023-06 Herschend Family Entertainment dba Wild Adventures, 3766 Old Clyattville Road, P-D to P-D/amended, ~170 acres, County Utilities**, County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is an amendment with Wild Adventures to their current site plan and zoning. It is zoned P-D (Planned Development) as it was in 1995. Mr. Dillard stated it is listed as a regional activity center and there are a few wetlands as noted. Mr. Dillard stated the request is to add a multi-phased campground experience with sites for RV's, cabins, glamping and amenities on the property. Mr. Dillard stated the original approval from 1995 did list "overnight lodging and group accommodations" and "bed and breakfast and other types of lodging accommodations" as an allowed use on the property. Mr. Dillard stated the Planning Commission and the TRC recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Marshall asked what is being amended, Mr. Dillard responded the site plan, since these changes were not shown in the original site plan from 1995.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Approval of Briggston Road Right of Way Purchases, Director of Engineering Services,** Chad McLeod, presented a request in the amount of \$49,231.50, for the purchase of right of way. Mr. McLeod stated the county has negotiated the purchase of right of way for parcels, 1 through 38 (excepting parcels 2 and 36) for the Briggston Road TSPLOST project. Mr. McLeod stated as of today, parcel two (2) will be included as well. Commissioner Marshall asked as far as the approval of the parcels at the regular commission meeting, Chairman Slaughter answered all parcels could be approved with one motion.

**Beer and Wine License - Hardik Patel of DHWEA #1, Inc. DBA Bigfoot Travel Center #926 - 7212 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, GA,** Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented the item. Mrs. Taylor stated the applicant currently has a license for the sale of beer for consumption off premises and would like to add wine for consumption off premises to the existing license. Mrs. Taylor further stated all requirements have been met.

## **BID**

**A New Clyattville Community Center,** Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated a new Clyattville Community Center was approved on the SPLOST VIII referendum. Mr. McLeod stated three bids were received with Kellerman Construction submitting the low bid in the amount of \$560,465.00 and 150 days.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the scrap tire recycling event will begin today at Lowndes County Public Works through May 15th, stating basic car and truck tires will be collected. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked how tractor tires can be disposed or recycled, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus answered to contact a tractor dealership and they should be able to accept, with a small fee. Assessment notices will be mailed out in mid-May, due to the current cost of construction, there will be an increase. Departmental budget meetings have been scheduled. One Valdosta-Lowndes Steering Committee meeting will be held tomorrow and the Chamber of Commerce has hired Mary Beth Brownlee. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker, asked Mrs. Brownlee's title, Mrs. Dukes answered the Director of the One Valdosta-Lowndes Initiative. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker expressed his regrets for missing the ACCG Annual Conference and the recognition of County Manager, Paige Dukes receiving the Jerry Griffin Award and the recognition of the Lowndes County Public Works Department for receiving the Georgia County Excellence Award for the Litter Program. Chairman Slaughter thanked Vice Chairman Wisenbaker for helping with the presentation of the proclamations while he was out of town attending the conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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