

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 26, 2024 and the regular session of July 27, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Lowndes County Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) Board

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Lonnie Denton's term has expired, and he has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if he was a former manager of the Winn Dixie in Lake Park? Mrs. Dukes answered yes.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Bubba Highsmith has expired and he has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Mr. George Foreman has also expressed a desire to serve.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Beer and Wine License - Frank C. Love, IV of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc., DBA Love's Travel Stop #550, 2319 Old Clyattville Rd., Valdosta, GA

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this is Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. DBA Love's Travel Stop #550, located at 2319 Old Clyattville Road requesting a license for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premises. Ms. Black stated this is a new establishment and all requirements have been met.

BIDS

Pump Station Rehab

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated several lift stations are in need of repair and rehabilitation. The Utilities Department solicited bids to address these issues at fourteen (14) lift stations. Four contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and one bid was received from RPI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,792,027.80. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify the number of lift stations included in this rehab project? Mr. Stalvey answered there are fourteen (14) in need of repair and fifty-nine (59) total lift stations. Commissioner Orenstein asked if we have internal budget numbers on how much this repair should cost since one bid was received? Mrs. Dukes responded the last rehab which was done can be retrieved and reviewed to verify the estimate amount per station. Chairman Slaughter stated it is always wise to be cognizant of where the pricing is at as far as the market is concerned, in order to get the best value. Mr. Stalvey mentioned one of the issues for the vendors was they were awarded a bid in Albany on Monday, and with our bid being due on Tuesday, the vendor was unable to bid after receiving that job. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this bid amount was an acceptable amount? Mr. Stalvey answered yes, staff anticipated over two million dollars.

Utilities Forklift

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated that due to growth and upgraded warehouse space, the Utilities Department is in need of a forklift. Staff evaluated the cost of a new forklift versus used, and a used forklift would meet the needs and is more economical. Staff recommends R&S Lift Trucks for the amount of \$18,100.00. Chairman Slaughter mentioned a typo in the amount shown for R & S Lift Trucks, showing \$18,000.00 instead of \$18,100.00.

REPORTS

There was no additional information to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session, Vice Chairman Marshall seconded. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.