

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 22, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall was 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 8, 2024 and the regular session of April 9, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a vacant seat due to the resignation of Mr. Jason Dove. Mrs. Dukes stated Ms. Debra White, Mr. Robert Green and Mr. James Miller have all expressed a desire to serve. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated Commissioner Evans serves on this board as well.

FOR CONSIDERATION

FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented a grant application request in the amount of \$362,246.40, in Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) grant funds. Mr. Tye stated since 2014, Lowndes County has been awarded funding through the CJCC to allow Juvenile Court to implement services for diversion of youth offenders instead of incarceration. Mr. Tye stated Functional Family Therapy (FFT) has been the primary program implemented, and the Juvenile Court has requested to continue. Mr. Tye stated this program will serve sixty (60) youths and their families from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Between Lowndes County and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated the agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency renews every four years with 2020 being the last time the contract was renewed. Mr. Tye further stated the agreement provides the mechanism by which FEMA funds can be requested in the event of a disaster. Commissioner Orenstein asked if there were any revisions to this agreement? Mr. Tye answered there were no changes.

Acceptance of Infrastructure for SetterPointe Subdivision Phase 3

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated SetterPointe

Subdivision Phase 3 is located off of Old Quitman Highway and includes twenty-one (21) lots. Mr. McLeod stated final inspections of the construction have been completed. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked to verify that all of the paperwork is complete? Mr. McLeod answered all paperwork has been completed.

TIA Supplemental Agreement for Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving and Drainage Improvements, P.I. 0016276

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the original agreement dated June 5, 2019, with the Georgia Department of Transportation has a "not to exceed amount" of \$3,750,000.00 for the Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE paving and drainage improvements. Staff asked the TIA office for an additional funding request to cover the cost difference between the actual cost of the project and the agreement amount. After reviewing, the TIA office agreed to provide additional funds of \$102,417.03 to cover the total cost of the project.

Acceptance of the VAWA Competitive Grant Award for 2024

Solicitor General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated at the November 14, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Commission approved the application for Continuation Funding available through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant program. The Solicitor's office has been approved to receive \$79,112.00 in federal funds, with the total cash match required by Lowndes County in the amount of \$26,371.00. Ms. Hayes stated the grant period is from January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Ms. Hayes thanked Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, for his assistance.

Beer and Wine License - John Fuller of Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC DBA Family Dollar 23231 - 1006 Lakes Blvd., Lake Park, GA

Finance Accounts Receivable Technician, Lorraine Taylor, presented the item. Mrs. Taylor stated this applicant would like to add beer and wine sales for consumption off premises to their existing business.

North Lowndes Data Center Switches

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this is the network core for the North Lowndes Data Center and it is currently out of support. Mr. Kostyu stated this is a budgeted item.

Proposed Sale of Danieli Drive Property

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated bids were received to dispose of property located on Danieli Drive. The minimum amount of \$47,000.00, which is also the appraised value, was noted in the Conditions of Sale Notice, in the Notice of Sale and Invitation for Bids, in the Bid Documents provided by Lowndes County. Mr. Stalvey stated one bid was received in the amount of \$30,000.00. Staff recommends the bid be rejected as it did not meet the required minimum amount and the sale be canceled. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked for the address of the property? Mr. Stalvey responded 5407 Danieli Drive.

REPORTS - County Manager

There was no additional information reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.