

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, June 10, 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.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Mary Beth Brownlee, the director of One Valdosta-Lowndes. Mrs. Brownlee gave the Commission an update regarding the Regional College and Career Academy. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mrs. Brownlee for her presentation. Vice Chairman Marshall asked regarding this upcoming generation and with going through COVID, what is the expectation of those that choose to work from home? Mrs. Brownlee responded that those skills will still be needed and employers need to participate.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 28, 2024 and the regular session of May 28, 2024. No revisions were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2024-13 Carter, 6128 Glenn Road, ~4.72ac, E-A to R-1, Well and Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from E-A (Estate Agricultural) zoning to R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning. The applicant would like to subdivide the property into conforming lots for individual residences. This property is a locally maintained county road and is within the rural service area and rural residential character area. The Planning Commission and the TRC recommended approval of this request.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Valencia Street Quitclaim Deeds

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented this item stating that the owner of 6067 Valencia Street (tax parcel 0197A 136), Rouse Vallotton and the owners of 6078 Valencia Street (tax parcel 0197A 135), John David Wade and Kelly Lynn Wade have asked that the portions of the abandoned roadway that lie within their respective properties be quitclaimed to them. Mr. McLeod stated the County is retaining any utility and drainage easements it may have within the abandoned roadway.

BID

PI# 0016278 Kinderlou Clyattville Road Paving and Drainage Improvements Bids

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item stating the Kinderlou Clyattville Road Paving and Draining Improvements is a TSPLOST approved project which is 2.84 miles long. This project is located north of Clyattville and begins at Old Clyattville Road and ends at the end of the existing paved portion of Kinderlou Clyattville Road at Seckinger Road. Two bids were received with Reames and Son Construction being the low bidder in the amount of \$3,495,208.06. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify if this is a TIA project? Mr. McLeod answered yes sir. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked why there is a two million dollar difference between the two bids received? Mr. McLeod responded that Reames and Son Construction was notified to verify the amounts that were submitted to the county and those amounts were correct. Also, Mr. McLeod stated Reames and Son Construction owns property in this area.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the below:

- A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. for the P&B Cold Storage located at 1825 Bimbo QSR Blvd.
- On Thursday at 9:00 a.m. the historic courthouse team will be hosting our local hoteliers for a tour of the historic courthouse.
- On Thursday at 9:00 a.m. the Budget Public Hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers.
- On Saturday at 9:00 a.m., at Freedom Park, a charitable walk, ruck and raffle will be held with proceeds benefiting the Griffith Family.
- Wednesday, June 19th Lowndes County Offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Lastly, Mrs. Dukes mentioned she and EMA Director, Ashley Tye will be leaving for a meeting tomorrow with Georgia Power for the 2024 Hurricane Preparedness Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Griner seconded. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.