

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of City Councilwoman, Sandra Tooley and also class members of Leadership Lowndes.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Orenstein

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation

Chairman Slaughter read the proclamation for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Kostyu and the IT Staff for their continued efforts in keeping Lowndes County Offices protected from possible cyberattacks.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 13, 2021, and the regular session of September 14, 2021. Vice Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Motorola SUAll (Evergreen), 911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented an agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$489,310.00, for maintenance and upgrades related to the system used by 911. Mr. Weeks stated the agreement provides for all maintenance and upgrades and will be paid monthly in the amount of \$40,776.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Vice Chairman Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Architect Agreement for The Mae Wisenbaker McMullen Southside Library Addition & Renovation, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item for the architect agreement for the Mae Wisenbaker Southside Library addition and renovation projects with IPG, Inc.

for \$113,750.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Consideration of Service Delivery Strategy Agreement Language, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta have worked together to develop Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) language that is acceptable to both governments related to water and sewer and the county road system and this is before you for your consideration. Chairman Slaughter made a motion to approve the document marked #2, presented to the Board at this meeting, subject to approval by the Board and the required cities, of a complete SDS Resolution and Agreement, with the required DCA Forms, prepared by the County Attorney incorporating the substance of the document marked #2, Commissioner Marshall second. Vice Chairman Evans, Commissioners Orenstein, Wisenbaker and Marshall voted in favor of the request, Commissioner Griner opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Purchase of Motor Graders for Public Works, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item with Flint Equipment Company submitting the low bid in the amount of \$349,736.00 (each). Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the bid as presented to include the associated 60 month lease agreement with Flint Equipment Company, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Governor Kemp has announced a \$1,000.00, supplement for all eligible sworn law enforcement officials and first responders in Georgia. Information will be available through the portal which opens October 1, 2021. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated ABM is moving forward with new water meter installations for commercial customers only. There will be two teams from Lowndes County participating on Friday, October 1, at the historic courthouse for the Rotary Corporate Cup Challenge. There will be a ground-breaking on the shooting range cover for the Sheriff's Office held on Monday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes stated Chief Green was notified by ISO that after additional review, Lowndes County Fire Rescue has maintained our ISO rating of 4/4X.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the regular session, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.