# LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES WORK SESSION Monday, November 7, 2022

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

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

## **Broadband Presentation (Work Session)**

Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher, addressed the commission regarding the statewide broadband project. Mrs. Thrasher stated the Broadband Ordinance is being reviewed and will be ready for consideration next year. Additionally, Mrs. Thrasher stated there is a program to help citizens, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which will give citizens who qualify, an opportunity to receive a reduced rate with internet service.

\*Disruption of the fire alarm, our building was evacuated at 8:33 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:45 a.m.\*

# **Fire Prevention Activities Presentation (Work Session)**

Fire Marshal, Mark Maskule, provided the Commission with an overview of Fire Prevention Month programs during the month of October. Mr. Maskule stated eleven schools had been visited, five daycares with 3,020 students being reached.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 24, 2022 and the regular session of October 25, 2022. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Addition to Enhanced Decorative Lighting District: Kinderlou Forest Subdivision, Phases 8A (52 lots) and 9 (58 lots) and Basic Decorative Lighting District: The Landings Subdivision, Phase 2 (65 Lots), Quarterman Estates Subdivision, Phase 3D (21 lots) and Walker Run Subdivision (48 lots), Planning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the request stating petitions were received and verified to add 52 lots of phase 8A and 58 lots of phase 9 of the Kinderlou Forest Subdivision into the County's enhanced decorative street lighting district. Additionally, Mr. Dillard