

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, April 10, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
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 March 27, 2023 and the regular session of March 28, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked the Director of Animal Services, Linda Patelski and the Assistant Director of Animal Services, Mike Brown, to share with the Commission the daily work of the officers. Mr. Brown thanked the Commission and the County Manager for their support. Mr. Brown stated the veteran officers are certified with two new officers beginning certification in the future. Additionally, Mr. Brown stated the Animal Control Officers attend schools to educate the children, as well as school staff, regarding enforcement and resources within the community. Mrs. Patelski stated she is proud of all of her staff and commended all of them for a job well done. Additionally, Mrs. Patelski thanked the Commissioners for being an advocate for their office.

**National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked 911 Director, Danny Weeks to address the Commission. Mr. Weeks thanked the Commission for their support and providing the resources needed to do a good job. Assistant 911 Director, Tonya Davis, spoke regarding the 911 Center's call volume and stated their office is Georgia POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified and can receive emergency and nonemergency calls and dispatch for Lowndes County and Echols County with the exception of state agencies, Valdosta State University and Moody Air Force Base. Mrs. Davis stated the 911 Center has received approximately half a million calls this year, not including the radio call volume. Mrs. Davis stated she's very proud of the staff and the work that is done on a daily basis. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Weeks, Mrs. Davis and their staff in attendance, for their work and stated their office is "the first" of the first responders, to deal with the citizens calls and dispatch to the