

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, October 9, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce Evans

Commissioners Scott Orenstein, Demarcus Marshall and Clay Griner were not in attendance.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Colquitt EMC Special Presentation to Fire Rescue (Work Session)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked Fire Rescue Chief, Billy Young, to address the Commission. Chief Young introduced Mr. Doug Loftis, the Chief Corporate Officer (CCO) with Colquitt EMC. Mr. Loftis stated Lowndes County has been a great community partner and this was amplified during Hurricane Idalia. Additionally, Mr. Loftis stated there is a process for unclaimed capital credits that are donated back to the community as college scholarships, bright idea grants being donated to teachers, and donating to each of the six counties being served to do educational training with Sparky being used in the Lowndes County Schools. Mr. Loftis presented Chief Young with a donation from Colquitt EMC.

Impending By-Law Changes for Conference Center - David J. Disalvo (Work Session)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Mrs. Amy Holbrook, the attorney for the James H. Rainwater Conference Center. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Holbrook is here to answer any questions and give an update regarding the by-laws. Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission, they are not required to vote, but to review the by-laws. Mrs. Holbrook stated from the creation of the tourism authority many changes have occurred and the board members of the tourism authority have reviewed and approved the by-laws for your consideration. Chairman Slaughter stated there are a few questions being sent over for clarification.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of September 25, 2023 and the regular session of September 26, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2023-11 2426 Joanna Drive, C-C(c) to R-1, 4.0ac, Well & Septic

Projects Assistant, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated there are no new updates regarding this case and the applicants have come forward to rezone back to residential and to subdivide into four lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC has no objectionable comments.