

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Orenstein

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 9, 2023 and the regular session of October 10, 2023. No revisions were requested. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dukes asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye, to give the Commission an update on the FEMA Assistance and the Disaster Recovery Centers upcoming deadlines. Mr. Tye stated the Disaster Recovery Center that has been open at the Lowndes County Civic Center since September 17th, will be closing Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, the Disaster Recovery Center in Brooks County will be closing Wednesday, November 1st. Mr. Tye stated if someone would like to meet with a person from FEMA, they could go to the Disaster Recovery Center in Cook County. The deadline for people to register with FEMA is November 6th. There have been over 8,200 people in Lowndes County to register with FEMA and \$3.1 million dollars in assistance has been given to Lowndes County residents; with the maximum amount being \$41,000.00 (with less than ten of those awards being given out). Mr. Tye stated we are still working with non-profit organizations as well.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes and Youth Leadership Lowndes class members.