

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, January 8, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

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

Chairman Slaughter stated the Vice Chairman for the upcoming rotation would be Commissioner Demarcus Marshall. Chairman Slaughter thanked Commissioner Wisenbaker for his time serving as the Vice Chairman. Chairman Slaughter and the Commission wished County Manager, Paige Dukes a Happy Birthday.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 11, 2023 and regular session of December 12, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to Board of Tax Assessors

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated in December of last year, the Commission expanded the Board of Tax Assessors from three to five members. Mrs. Dukes stated the Commission needs to appoint three members. One person to succeed James Puckett to complete a three-year term ending December 31, 2026, one person to fill a new position to complete an initial three-year term ending December 31, 2026 and one person to fill a new position to complete an initial four-year term ending December 31, 2027. Mrs. Dukes listed the names of those who have expressed an interest to be appointed to the Board of Tax Assessors: Mr. David Westberry, Mr. Samuel Clemons, Mr. Mike Tanner, Ms. Lucinda Guess, Mrs. Mary Ellen Weeks, Ms. Elizabeth Highsmith, Ms. Sandra Jones, Mr. Richard Holcombe, Ms. Mary Green, Mr. Gene Felts, Mrs. Amy Davis (formerly Amy Carter) and Mr. Thomas Reed. Commissioner Marshall asked to see the information sheets. Chairman Slaughter stated the County Clerk, Belinda Lovern, has that information in her office. Additionally, Chairman Slaughter mentioned that the citizens who have applied for these positions could be contacted to attend the regular session meeting tonight, in case anyone has questions. Vice Chairman Marshall agreed with that suggestion.