

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall and Commissioner Scott Orenstein were not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 25, 2024 and the regular session of March 26, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of a Portion of Race Track Road SE

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Commission made the initial determination at the March 12, 2024 regular session meeting, adding the request remains ready for consideration.

TXT-2024-01 ULDC Amendments

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated there are six proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) with five being minor/procedural amendments. Mr. Dillard stated Amendment #1 Sign Regulations is the most substantial with approximately fifteen to twenty of the most recent sign applicants, requesting a sign permit within the last year and a half, being contacted as well as contacting fellow stakeholders, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, Moody Air Force Base, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority, and the Home Builders Association of South Georgia with no comments being received. Mr. Dillard stated these amendments are aimed at allowing more signage in appropriate ways for local businesses instead of going through the variance process which now takes sixty-five (65) days to go through the legal process, due to changes in the state law.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, gave her report since she will be out of town tomorrow. Mrs. Dukes mentioned the below events:

- This past Saturday, Lowndes County Staff participated in the Bataan Death March Tribute sponsored by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. 911 Director, Tonya Davis, finished all the obstacles and twenty-nine (29) miles and four firefighters from Fire Rescue participated in this event as well. There were one hundred and thirty (130) walkers this year, which is the largest group thus far.

- On April 11th, Thursday, Pancakes on the Par for Young Professionals will be held at the Quiet Pines Golf Course from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- April 12th, Friday, Lunch on the Lawn will be held at the Lowndes County Historic Courthouse from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, April 13th, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Annual Awards will be held in Atlanta, with the courthouse project being nominated for an award.

Mrs. Dukes reminded those in attendance that next week is National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week and National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Mrs. Dukes stated as a part of telecommunications week, on April 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the historic courthouse, there will be a badge ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.