

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 9, 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 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of the Leadership Lowndes Class of 2024 members.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Orenstein

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. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Abandonment of a Portion of Race Track Road SE

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated due to an issue with advertising, staff is requesting this item to be tabled until the May 14, 2024, commission meeting. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to table this item until the May 14, 2024, commission meeting, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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) before the commission for consideration. Vice Chairman Marshall questioned section 10.00.07 regarding the opponents having a minimum amount of ten minutes to speak and asked if that should be revised to a maximum of ten minutes? Mr. Dillard responded that a minimum of ten minutes is state law. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if a maximum amount of time should be added? Mr. Dillard stated as presented is a minimum of ten minutes, with any additional time being left to the Chairman's discretion. Chairman Slaughter stated there should not be an issue if additional time is needed. No one spoke against this request. John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, spoke in favor of this request. Mr. Quarterman stated this

moves Lowndes County into the twenty-first century with submissions being in electronic format and not paper. Mr. Quarterman also suggested making the agenda packets digital and placing on the county's website for public review. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

The County Manager, Paige Dukes, was not present.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -

George Conarroe, 5995 West Lake Drive, addressed the commission regarding an issue he has been having with his septic drain field. Chairman Slaughter stated this issue would go through the Lowndes County Health Department. Mr. Conarroe responded he had spoken to Kyle Coppage. Chairman Slaughter stated he would discuss the matter with him after the meeting adjourned.

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the commission and thanked the county for all the cooperation for the Chairman and Mayor's River Paddle, with a special thanks to the Public Works Department. Mr. Quarterman asked for possible dates to have the Chairman and Mayor's River Paddle next year. Lastly, Mr. Quarterman mentioned that WWALS has acquired jon boats and offered to take anyone out, who would feel more comfortable in a jon boat versus a paddle boat.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.