

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Michael Smith

Vice Chairperson Joyce Evans was not present.

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

## MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 21, 2025 and the regular session of April 22, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

## APPOINTMENTS

### **Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Jeff Sikes' term expires May 21, 2025 and he has expressed a desire to be reappointed. Mr. Ben Hogan would also like to be considered for this appointment. Chairman Slaughter stated Mr. Sikes does a fantastic job for reappointment.

### **Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Vice Chairperson Joyce Evans expires June 30, 2025 and she's expressed a desire to continue to serve.

### **South Georgia Community Service Board**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated that due to Chairman Slaughter being appointed to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, he can no longer serve. Vice Chairperson Joyce Evans has expressed a desire to serve on this board. Chairman Slaughter mentioned this position is specifically for elected officials and Vice Chairperson Evans is very qualified.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

### **2025 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Funds Application**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Georgia Department of Transportation announced that the Governor and the Legislature included the Local Road Assistance (LRA) in the amended fiscal year 2025 budget. The LRA funds will be distributed using the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application System and will require no matching funds. The fiscal year 2025 LRA amount for Lowndes County is \$1,677,028.92. If approved, the funds will be used for the resurfacing of Newsome Road, Radar Site Road, Coffee Road, Hemby Lane and Webb Road North. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this is a complete resurfacing of the entire road on Newsome Road. Mr.