

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
Monday, January 13, 2020

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 9, 2019, and the regular session of December 10, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Valdosta Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mrs. Molly Deese expired December 31, adding Mrs. Deese would like to be considered for reappointment.

**Lowndes County Board of Health**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the item. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Dr. Frances Brown expired December 31, 2019, adding Dr. Brown has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Chairman Slaughter stated he serves on the Board of Health with Dr. Brown, adding she is very active and faithful in her service.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Special Assessment Rate for 2020**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the county is required to set the interest rate on special assessments each year. Ms. Black stated the rate is to be set at two percent above prime, adding the 2020 rate is calculated at 6.75 percent. Chairman Slaughter asked how many special assessments the county has at this time. Ms. Black stated the county has not approved a special assessment in the last twenty years, adding there are still some outstanding.