

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, January 9, 2023 - 8:30 AM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
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 12, 2022 and the regular session of December 13, 2022. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat currently held by Mr. Jonathan Vigue, the Wild Adventures General Manager, expired December 31, 2022. Mr. Vigue has expressed a desire to continue to serve and Mr. David Westberry, who works in the State Court's office, has also expressed a desire to be appointed to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority Board.

South Georgia Regional Library (SGRL) Board, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Steve Boatner resigned from his position on the South Georgia Regional Library Board, leaving a vacant seat due to no longer living in the area. Mrs. Dukes stated the board submitted Ms. Darlene Ridley for consideration and Mr. David Westberry has also expressed a desire to serve.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Dan Deaver's term expired June 30, 2022 on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority. Mrs. Dukes stated Dr. Vince Miller, who works with Valdosta State University, is currently a city appointee on the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority and he has recently moved to the unincorporated area. Mrs. Dukes stated with the uncertainty that the city will leave Dr. Miller in his seat, Mrs. Dukes asked the commission to consider appointing Dr. Vince Miller to Mr. Dan Deaver's seat and that will leave Dr. Miller's seat open with the city to appoint someone else to fulfill his unexpired term. Chairman Slaughter stated he attends the Valdosta Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority meetings and Dr. Miller is always engaged. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked when that board meets, Mrs. Dukes responded on the third Wednesday of each month, at 4:30 p.m., at the administrative office located at 1901 North Barack Obama Blvd.