

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Monday, January 8, 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.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Wisenbaker

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Wisenbaker

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 11, 2023 and the regular session of December 12, 2023. There were no revisions requested. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Appointments to Board of Tax Assessors**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated in December of last year, the Commission expanded the Board of Tax Assessors from three to five members. Mrs. Dukes stated the Commission needs to appoint three members. One person to succeed Mr. James Puckett to complete a three-year term ending December 31, 2026, one person to fill a new position to complete an initial three-year term ending December 31, 2026 and one person to fill a new position to complete an initial four-year term ending December 31, 2027. Mrs. Dukes listed the names of those who submitted applications: Mr. David Westberry, Mr. Samuel Clemons, Mr. Mike Tanner, Ms. Lucinda Guess, Ms. Mary Ellen Weeks, Ms. Elizabeth Highsmith, Ms. Sandra Jones, Mr. Richard Holcombe, Ms. Mary Green, Mr. Gene Felts, Ms. Amy Davis (formerly Amy Carter) and Mr. Thomas Reed. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Gene Felts to succeed James Puckett's seat for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026. There being no other nominations, Mr. Gene Felts was appointed by acclamation. Commissioner Griner nominated Mr. Thomas Reed for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026. There being no other nominations, Mr. Thomas Reed was appointed by