

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, January 23, 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**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Marshall

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 8, 2024 and the regular session of January 8, 2024. 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.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Gene Felts was appointed to serve a term ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Felts was sworn in and resigned immediately. Mrs. Dukes stated this appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Gene Felts. Mr. David Westberry, Mr. Samuel Clemons, Mr. Mike Tanner, Ms. Lucinda Guess, Ms. Mary Ellen Weeks, Ms. Elizabeth Highsmith, Mr. Richard Holcombe, Ms. Mary Green, and Mrs. Amy Davis have all expressed a desire to serve. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Mr. Richard Holcombe to succeed Mr. Gene Felts' seat for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026. There being no other nominations, Mr. Richard Holcombe was appointed by acclamation.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Special Assessment Rate for 2024**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission is required to set the special assessment rate every year to address paving and utility assessments that are not