

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 5:30 PM

**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**

Samaritan's Purse Chaplain Mike Clark.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the regular session of October 22, 2024. There was no work session meeting held. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Greater Lowndes Planning Commission**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointments. Mrs. Dukes stated the term held by Mr. Ed Hightower and Ms. Vicki Biles have expired. Mr. Hightower has expressed a desire to continue to serve. The vacant seat left by Ms. Biles is due to her moving out of the area. Mr. Calvin Graham, Mr. Brice Evans and Mr. Blake Robinson have expressed an interest in being appointed. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Ed Hightower for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Ed Hightower was reappointed by acclamation. Commissioner Griner nominated Mr. Calvin Graham for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Calvin Graham was appointed by acclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TXT-2024-03 ULDC Amendments**

County Planner, J.D. Dillard and Projects Assistant, Jason Davenport presented this item. Mr. Dillard stated this text amendment focuses on two key areas: the maximum number of lots accessible from a single point of ingress/egress, set at 80 lots, and the creation, implementation and enforcement of a tree bank. Staff has also reviewed potable water system requirements and recommends we require new or expanding private water systems to have a permanent onsite generator-based back-up power.