

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, January 27, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Michael Smith

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting of January 13, 2025 and the regular session meeting of January 14, 2025. There were no revisions requested.

**PRESENTATION**

**GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada is pleased to announce that Lowndes County has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Ms. Black stated this is the 19th consecutive year that Lowndes County has won this award. The Chairman and Commission thanked Ms. Black and her staff for their continued success.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the initial term of Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman ended December 31, 2024. Mrs. Dukes stated Georgia statute provides a vacancy on a board of tax assessors shall be immediately filled by appointment of the county governing authority. Per Georgia statute and Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment or reappointment of a successor to Mrs. Quarterman shall be for the remainder of a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman has expressed an interest in being reappointed and Mr. James Michael Tanner has also expressed an interest in being appointed. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if those nominated could speak to the Commission, Chairman Slaughter responded they could speak tomorrow night at the regular session meeting, since Mr. Tanner is not present.

**Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Commissioner Joyce Evans will expire January 31, 2025. Commissioner Evans has expressed an interest in continuing to serve.