

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioner Scott Orenstein was not present.

Chairman Bill Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes class members.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Michael Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Michael Smith

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 10, 2025, the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 10, 2025, the regular session of February 11, 2025, the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 11, 2025, and the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 24, 2025. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Slaughter stated if there were no objections, two items would be added to the agenda: A Resolution to Opt Out of OCGA § 48-5-44.2 Homestead Exemption and a Proposed Local Act to Increase Homestead Exemptions. There being no objections, Chairman Slaughter asked that the items be added as 5b and 5c.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Lowndes County Accountability Court Grant Approval

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item stating the Lowndes County Accountability Court has received a federal grant in the amount of \$7,500.00, with no cash match requirement by Lowndes County. This funding will be used to implement a PEER program for the Lowndes County Accountability Court. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$7,500.00, second by Vice Chairperson Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.