

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, August 12, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Joyce E. Evans  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Clay Griner

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 22, 2019, and the regular session of July 23, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented the appointment. Mr. Pritchard stated the seat currently held by Mr. Randall Crews expired June 30, adding Mr. Crews has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Orenstein asked how many terms Mr. Crews has served, to which Mr. Pritchard replied at least two. Chairman Slaughter commented that Mr. Crews may be in his third term. Chairman Slaughter also stated the City of Valdosta has recently filled vacancies on the board, adding the community may see more activity from them soon.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications**

Fire Chief/EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented a hazard mitigation grant request in the amount of \$1,176,015.51 to include a \$392,005.17 match from Pruitt Health Corporation. Mr. Tye stated the grants are usually only available to local governments and not for profit facilities; however, for profit nursing homes are now allowed to apply for assistance through a local government. Mr. Tye further stated if funded, the grant will pay seventy-five percent and Pruitt Health Corporation will pay twenty-five percent toward the total cost of generators that will be used to power Pruitt nursing home facilities in the event of a power outage. Chairman Slaughter clarified that the request includes five separate grant applications, to which Mr. Tye replied yes. Mr. Tye stated one or all of the applications could be funded based on his conversations with GEMA.