

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, November 11, 2019

**Call to Order**

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

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

Chairman Slaughter reminded everyone of the Veteran's Day ceremonies scheduled at Bazemore Hyder Stadium, Valdosta State University, Freedom Park and the City of Hahira.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were requested for the work session of October 21, 2019, and the regular session of October 22, 2019. No changes to the minutes were requested.

**Revision of the County Occupation Tax Ordinance**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the ordinance has not been comprehensively addressed since the mid 1990s, adding the update includes changes required by law and provides for a better understanding of requirements.

**For Consideration**

**Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant**

Solicitor-General Justin Cabral, presented the item. Mr. Cabral stated the grant provides for additional staff assigned to assisting victims. Mr. Cabral further stated the requested \$6,000.00, will offset the funding required to provide health benefits to the employees funded by the grant.

**Solicitor-General's Office VAWA Continuation Grant Application**

Solicitor General, Justin Cabral, presented the item. Mr. Cabral stated the \$16,667.00, cash match will fund the continuation of the grant used by his office to address crimes against families and women.

**Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal**

District Attorney, Brad Shealy, presented the item. Mr. Shealy stated his office has received the grant since 1997, adding it benefits all five counties in the Southern Judicial Circuit. Mr. Shealy stated the funds benefit victims of crimes that are handled by Superior Court.