

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, May 24, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Clay Griner
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 10, 2021 and the regular session of May 11, 2021. No changes to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Lowndes County Development Authority, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the three seats currently held by Clay Griner, Crawford Powell, and Barry Broome are set to expire June 8, 2021, and all have expressed a desire to continue to serve.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Insolvent List - Tax Commissioner, Tax Commissioner, Rodney Cain, presented the item. Mr. Cain stated this request is to have the Commission approve the 2021 Insolvent Property Tax list and to write off taxes and associated late fees. Vice Chairman Griner asked were these seven or more years delinquent, Mr. Cain responded yes. Vice Chairman Griner inquired as to how much there would be next year, Mr. Cain stated if he were guessing, less than \$100,000.00. Commissioner Marshall asked if the fees could be waived, Mr. Cain stated these were being written off due to being uncollectible. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if mobile homes were considered personal property, Mr. Cain responded no. Commissioner Orenstein asked regarding the real estate amount, as to why those properties did not go to sale, Mr. Cain stated they did, but did not sell. Chairman Slaughter mentioned to Mr. Cain regarding the Land Bank Authority and the possibility of those properties being transferred into the Land Bank to help them from a funding source as well. Chairman Slaughter stated this is an opportunity to help the community by working with the Land Bank. Commissioner Marshall asked if the insolvent list would be presented annually, Mr. Cain answered yes.

Wine License - Teresa D. Griffin of Georgia Pecan House, Inc., DBA Georgia Pecan House - 3473 Madison Hwy., Valdosta, GA, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this existing business is requesting to add wine for consumption off premise and may also provide samples.