

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, June 26, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Clay Griner

Commissioner Scott Orenstein was not present.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 12, 2023, the Special Called Meeting of June 12, 2023, the regular session of June 13, 2023, and the Budget Public Hearing of June 20, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

**Fire Officer of the Year & Fire Fighter of the Year Recognition (Work Session)**

Fire Chief, Lloyd Green presented the item, recognizing Captain Jeff Talley as Fire Officer of the Year and Sergeant Owen Brooks as Fire Fighter of the Year. Mr. Green stated Captain Talley was recently nominated by his supervisor, Bill Young, and awarded Fire Officer of the Year for the Valdosta Elks Lodge for Lowndes County. Chief Green stated Sergeant Owen Brooks was nominated by his supervisor, Ben Amiot, for Fire Fighter of the Year for the Valdosta Exchange Club of Lowndes County. Chief Green also stated Sergeant Brooks recently made Sergeant. In addition, Chief Green stated he is proud of both gentlemen for their accomplishments, service, and dedication to the community and Lowndes County Fire Rescue. Before getting a picture with the Commissioners and Mr. Brooks, County Manager, Paige Dukes stated Sergeant Brooks was a part of our expansion. Mrs. Dukes went on to say he came in as a brand new fire fighter and has done a phenomenal job. She stated EMS has been extremely busy and we have been mitigating some of that with our fire departments. Mrs. Dukes stated Captain Talley ran EMS calls recently and does not mind jumping in the truck to run a call if he needs to; to take pressure off of one of our apparatus or if EMS is overwhelmed in general. She stated that is just one example of Captain Talley's abilities and his commitment to go above and beyond where our community is concerned. She went on to say she is grateful to both of them and thanked them for what they do.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Lowndes County Division of Family and Children Services**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the item stating the seat currently held by Mrs. Elsie Napier will expire on June 30th and Mrs. Napier has expressed a desire to continue to serve.