

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 10, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioners Scott Orenstein and Demarcus Marshall were not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of June 26, 2023, and the regular session meeting of June 27, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

South Georgia Regional Library Board

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the seats of Mr. Dwayne Johnson, Dr. Beverley Richardson-Blake, Mr. Thomas Lovett and Dr. George Gaumond have expired. All have expressed a desire to serve another three-year term. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Gary Wisenbaker has served two terms and is leaving a vacant seat with Ms. Catherine Ammons and Ms. Sarah Fitzgerald expressing a desire to be appointed to this board.

PUBLIC HEARING

TXT-2023-01 ULDC Text Amendments

Projects Assistant, Jason Davenport, presented the item. Mr. Davenport stated the TRC considered the proposed amendments and found no technical objections. Mr. Davenport stated during the Planning Commission meeting, one citizen spoke in opposition declaring the County did not spend enough time notifying the general public and after much discussion, the Planning Commission recommended to table. Chairman Slaughter asked if public meetings were held for the ULDC Text Amendments? Mr. Davenport replied yes, more than exceeded the legal requirements for public notice. Mr. Davenport stated he believed the citizen opposing wanted more to be done for general public hearings. Chairman Slaughter mentioned there is a timeline to move the amendments forward. Chairman Slaughter told the Commissioners we'll make the decision to table at tomorrow night's meeting. Mr. Davenport stated staff is ready to move forward and if a preference is being asked regarding the concerns of the Planning Commission, this item could be tabled for two weeks. Chairman Slaughter stated he did not mind tabling the item for two weeks, but did not want to exceed that time. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, stated consideration of the notice of the meeting, if tabling