

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, November 13, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Clay Griner

Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker and Commissioner Demarcus Marshall were not present.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of October 23, 2023 and the regular session of October 24, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Valdosta - Lowndes County Development Authority (Joint Appointment)**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. John Crawford's term with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority will expire January 1, 2024 and Mr. Crawford has expressed a desire to continue to serve. This is a joint appointment by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and the Valdosta City Council. If reappointed, the City Council will be notified.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024**

Solicitor General's Office, Victim Services Director, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is seeking competitive applications and the initial award period is January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Further, Ms. Hayes stated the \$25,669.00, cash match will fund the continuation of the grant used by the Solicitor's Office to address crimes against families and women.

**Cross Connection Control Plan**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires Lowndes County to update our cross connection control plan. Utilities staff, in conjunction with Lovell Engineering Associates (LEA), has put together a cross connection control plan that meets Georgia EPD criteria.

**A New Addition to the Lowndes County Jail Construction**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the new addition for the Lowndes County Jail Construction Manager selection process began in September