

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, March 24, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairperson Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Michael Smith

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 24, 2025, the executive session of February 24, 2025 and the regular session of February 25, 2025. No revisions were requested.

APPOINTMENT

Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council is a conservation initiative that involves multiple counties. This organization provides local leadership needed for developing and making the necessary amendments to and carrying out a plan for the orderly development, conservation improvement and wise use of the area's natural resources to include our rivers. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a current seat held by Mr. Jake Price and at this time his participation isn't compatible with his schedule. Mr. Corey Millirons has been recommended to fill this seat. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if Jake Price asked to be removed. Chairman Slaughter responded that Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council asked to have someone else appointed. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the location of these meetings. Chairman Slaughter responded he was unsure, but he could confirm.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Network Hardware Replacement

ITS Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this is for end of life network core equipment at three smaller data centers within Lowndes County and this is a standard replacement.

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the franchise renewal for Advanced Disposal Services is for the upcoming year. Advanced Disposal is one of two solid waste collection companies that provides services to the residents of Lowndes County. Mr. Beals stated the required documents have been submitted for renewal. Advanced Disposal provides service to 9,580 residents.

Deep South Sanitation, LLC, Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the franchise renewal for Deep South Sanitation is for the upcoming year. Deep South Sanitation is the other solid waste collection company that provides services to the residents of Lowndes County. Mr. Beals stated the required documents have been submitted for renewal. Deep South Sanitation provides service to 8,359 residents. Commissioner Smith asked if there were any changes to the agreement, Mr. Beals responded that no adjustments have been made, only aerials have been updated.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the items below:

- Mrs. Dukes thanked those who came out for Lunch on the Lawn at the historic courthouse this past Friday and thanked the staff who helped with the event. Mrs. Dukes extended an invitation to those who would like to attend this event again this coming Friday.
- Mrs. Dukes acknowledged the Lowndes County 911 Director, Tonya Davis, and her team from 911 and stated that they have received the 911 Center of the Year award for the state of Georgia. Mrs. Dukes asked the 911 staff to come up for pictures with the Commissioners.
- The Bicentennial Resolution will be presented at the Georgia State Capitol on Thursday and will be recognized by the House and Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.