

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Michael Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Michael Smith

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 7, 2025 and the regular session of April 8, 2025. No revisions were requested. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Slaughter stated if there were no objections, staff would like to add an item to the agenda, Val Del Road and North Valdosta Road Intersection Improvement Bids. There being no objections, Chairman Slaughter asked that the item be added as agenda item 7B.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)**

County Manager. Paige Dukes, presented the appointments. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Ms. Kelley Saxon expired March 8, 2025. Mrs. Saxon has reached the maximum amount of time that a member can serve on the board, which is two terms. Also, the term of Mr. Carlton Richard will expire May 28, 2025. At this time, Mr. Richard is not seeking reappointment. Ms. Juliana Powell has expressed an interest in serving on this board as well as Ms. Lawanna Barron; if the commission wishes to take action on both seats at this time. Commissioner Marshall nominated Ms. Lawana Barron for the expiring term of Ms. Kelley Saxon. There being no other nominations, Ms. Lawanna Barron was appointed by acclamation. Commissioner Orenstein nominated Ms. Juliana Powell for the expiring term of Mr. Carlton Richard. There being no other nominations, Ms. Juliana Powell was appointed by acclamation.