

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, July 21, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Michael Smith

Vice Chairperson Joyce Evans was not in attendance.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 7, 2025 and the regular session of July 8, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Lowndes County Development Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the terms of Mr. Brooks Akins, Mr. Jerome Tucker, Mr. Gary Cannon, Mr. Barry Broome, and Mr. Clay Griner have expired. Mr. Akins, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Broome have all expressed an interest in being reappointed. Mr. Griner is not interested in being reappointed at this time. There are now three vacant seats on the board previously held by Mr. Gary Moser, Mr. Crawford Powell and Mr. Clay Griner. Mr. Robert Green has also expressed an interest in being appointed to the board. Mrs. Dukes stated this board stands as a financing mechanism option, if needed. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this was created by the legislature. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, answered he believes it was created by the legislature and activated by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Smith asked if a commissioner needs to be on this board, Mr. Elliott responded, it allows for a commissioner up to a certain number. Chairman Slaughter stated a commissioner could serve. Commissioner Smith mentioned that Mr. Joe Brownlee has expressed an interest in serving.

Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the terms of Mr. J.D. Rice, Mr. Michael Walker, and Mr. Clay Griner have expired. Mr. Rice and Mr. Walker have expressed an interest in being reappointed, but Mr. Griner is not interested in being reappointed at this time. This leaves two vacant seats on the board previously held by Mr. Clay Griner and Mr. Crawford Powell. Mr. Robert Green has also expressed a desire to serve. Mrs. Dukes stated that this board is used as a financing mechanism as the previous board. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, stated that one commissioner may serve on this board. Mrs. Dukes stated these boards do not meet regularly.