

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, August 11, 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.

**Lowndes County 811 Day Proclamation (Work Session)**

Chairman Slaughter presented the Lowndes County 811 Day Proclamation.

**Emergency Management Awareness Month Proclamation (Work Session)**

Chairman Slaughter presented the Emergency Awareness Month Proclamation.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of July 21, 2025, the regular session of July 22, 2025, and the special called meeting of August 4, 2025. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, requested in writing that the minutes be revised to reflect changes regarding the appointment beginning and ending dates for the Public Facilities Authority.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REZ-2025-12 Adair Estate, 4146 HWY 122, ~1.5ac, E-A to R-1, Well & Septic**

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from E-A (Estate Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning, in order to bring the lot and its allowable uses into conformity. Mr. Dillard further stated if you look at the land use pattern, you will notice that many of the lots surrounding this are more appropriate for R-1; however, they have remained E-A. The Future Land Use map depicts the area as agricultural. There are no particular utilities in this section, thus the need for well and septic. Mr. Dillard stated there is a small portion of wetlands at the rear of the property, but the main portion can still be used appropriately for well and septic if it is zoned R-1. Mr. Dillard referenced a photo of the property, stating that the property is in disrepair from the previous hurricanes, and he further mentioned that on the eastern property line, the accessory building, which may or may not remain, if zoned R-1. TRC recommended R-1, and the Planning Commission also voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend the property be rezoned to R-1. Commissioner Marshall asked if this property is near Hahira, to which Mr. Dillard responded, yes, it is about a mile east of Hahira. Commissioner Marshall asked what makes