

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 26, 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 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 August 11, 2025 and the regular session of August 12, 2025. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioners Wisenbaker and Smith. 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, an appointment to the South Georgia Community Service Board. There being no objections, Chairman Slaughter asked that the item be added.

APPOINTMENT

South Georgia Community Service Board

Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating there is a vacant seat on this board for an elected official and nominated Commissioner Demarcus Marshall. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was appointed by acclamation.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Adoption of the 2025 Millage Rate

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item stating the next four agenda items have to do with the millage rate and Ms. Black gave a brief presentation. Ms. Black stated the county-wide millage for 2025 should be set at the rollback rate of 5.051 mills. This represents a reduction of 0.232 mills