

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, September 9, 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., and recognized members of Leadership Lowndes, thanking them for their participation.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Orenstein

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Orenstein

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of August 25, 2025, and the regular session of August 26, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REZ-2024-06 Budd Horace Ave, 1735 Madison Hwy, ~3.0ac, CON & C-H to CON & C-H, Well & Septic** County Planner, J.D. Dillard presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the request is to change the existing boundaries of conservation and commercial highway. The property is a total of three acres. It is currently approximately .75 acres of commercial highway and 2.25 acres of conservation. Mr. Dillard stated the property is almost 95 percent within the flood zone according to the 2008 and 2021 flood maps. He further stated this case is from 2024, and it began with a Code Enforcement complaint regarding semi-trucks parking. This led to a TRC meeting with the applicant and property owner. The application was submitted in March of 2024 and reviewed by staff. Mr. Dillard stated staff noticed that it was lacking information regarding the wetlands that they needed to make a proper recommendation, so they held the application at that time to allow the applicant time to provide the information needed from the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. Staff followed up several times throughout the remainder of 2024, requesting the information and in 2025 they received more complaints. Mr. Dillard