

Recognition of EMA Director Ashley Tye for receiving the Prestigious Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award by the International Association of Emergency Managers (Regular Session)

Chairman Slaughter commended Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, for receiving the Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award from the International Association of Emergency Managers. Chairman Slaughter stated that it is the highest honor an emergency manager can receive nationwide. Chairman Slaughter stated Lowndes County is extremely proud of Mr. Tye and expressed appreciation for his leadership and assistance during the hurricanes that impacted our community, emphasizing that the county is better prepared and stronger because of his efforts. Mr. Tye stated that this recognition represents a team effort, extending his sincere thanks to all who contributed along the way.

MINUTES

Chairman Slaughter stated he appreciates having Commissioner Evans back at the meeting and commended her hard work during her recovery, as well as her continued service to the citizens and the Lowndes County community. Chairman Slaughter stated that Commissioner Evans remained engaged with ongoing matters during her absence and expressed his blessings and well wishes for her.

The minutes were presented for the work session and regular session of November 12, 2025. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Greater Lowndes Planning Commission

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Tommy Willis expired October 25, 2025 and he has expressed an interest in being reappointed. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. John McCall has also expressed an interest in being appointed. Vice Chairman Orenstein nominated Mr. John McCall. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Tommy Willis. Vice Chairman Orenstein, Commissioners Marshall and Smith voted in favor of appointing Mr. John McCall. Motion carried.

Lowndes County Board of Assessors

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Mrs. Felicia Williams will expire December 31, 2025. Mrs. Williams currently serves as the Chair of the Assessors and has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman has also expressed a desire to serve. Commissioner Evans nominated Mrs. Felicia Williams for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Williams was reappointed by acclamation.

Lowndes County Library Board

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Ms. Catherine Ammons resigned from the Lowndes County Library Board leaving an unexpired term that will expire June 30, 2026. Dr. Kendal Crawford, Mr. Dean Poling, and Mr. Gary Wisenbaker have all expressed an interest in being appointed. Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker requested to be recused from the vote. Commissioner Evans nominated Mr. Gary Wisenbaker. There being no other nominations, Mr. Gary Wisenbaker was appointed by acclamation.