

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, January 12, 2026 - 5:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Bill Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of Leadership Lowndes class members.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Smith

Acknowledgement of Lowndes County Probation's Annual Audit (Work Session)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated that there is a tremendous amount of accountability within the misdemeanor probation program led by Probation Director Ferlisha Rountree. Mrs. Dukes stated that the program is subject to extensive state oversight and must adhere to specific required policies. Mrs. Dukes further stated that job fairs and counseling services will be held at the Leila Ellis building. Mrs. Dukes asked Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree to address the commission. Mrs. Rountree provided an overview of the Annual Misdemeanor Probation Oversight Unit (MPOU) Audit, explaining that it was a comprehensive audit that included random review of 150 cases. The review examined payment postings, compliance with OCGA rules and adherence to applicable policies and procedures. Mrs. Rountree stated that the audit resulted in no findings and no recommendations. Additionally, Mrs. Rountree stated that the audit process involves numerous policies and procedures and praised her staff for their tremendous work, describing the results as a perfect audit. She further explained that with two consecutive successful audits, the department is eligible to skip an audit year. Chairman Slaughter and the Commission acknowledged the Probation Department staff. Chairman Slaughter stated that the audit process is a difficult task and commended the department for performing its duties in a professional manner. Chairman Slaughter expressed the commission's gratitude for the probation department's work with the citizens and the court system.

Dr. Lucy Greene - Moody Support (Regular Session)

Chairman Slaughter introduced Dr. Lucy Greene and highlighted her contributions to Moody Air Force Base. Chairman stated there was a time when the base was on the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) list and at risk of being closed. Thanks to the leadership and efforts of local city and county officials, the base was able to remain open.

Chairman Slaughter emphasized that two individuals, Mr. Parker Green and Dr. Lucy Greene, were particularly instrumental in supporting Moody Air Force Base. Chairman Slaughter emphasized that the foundation laid by these two cannot be thanked enough for their dedication and hard work. He has personally seen the respect they earned during visits to the Pentagon, which stemmed from their sincere commitment to