

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, January 12, 2026 - 8:30 AM

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**I Love Public Schools Day Joint Proclamation (Work Session)**

Chairman Slaughter and Mayor Matheson read and presented the Lowndes County School Superintendent, Sandra Wilcher, and the City of Valdosta School Superintendent, Dr. Craig Lockhart, with a joint proclamation for "I Love Public Schools Day" being proclaimed January 12, 2026. Staff members of both schools were also present.

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

Chairman Slaughter stated this item would be presented at the regular session commission meeting.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 8, 2025, and the regular session of December 9, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

**APPOINTMENT**

**Lowndes County Board of Health**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment, stating the term of Dr. Frances Brown expired December 31, 2025. Dr. Brown has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long she had served on the board. Mrs. Dukes asked Deputy County Clerk, Mrs. Sabrina Denson to respond, Mrs. Denson stated she believed this was Dr. Frances Brown's first term. Chairman Slaughter stated he believed that was correct and stated Dr. Brown is active and involved on this board. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there was any information available as far as a resume or application that the Commission could review. Mrs. Dukes stated that would be made available at the regular session meeting.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Set Qualifying Fees**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the state statute requires the governing authority of any county or municipality to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county or municipal office to be filed in the upcoming primary or election. The qualifying fee for County