

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, January 26, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Michael Smith

Commissioner Joyce Evans and Demarcus Marshall were not present.

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work and regular session of January 12, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Spring Creek Water Treatment Plant Design Build Project

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the North Lowndes water system was issued a consent order from Georgia EPD several months ago due to continued disinfection by-product violations. After discussions with our engineering firm and negotiations with EPD, a decision was made to upgrade the Spring Creek site. Staff advertised an RFP to add a new deep well, upgrade existing well, install nanofiltration water treatment skids including chemical feed systems and an operations building, add an emergency back-up generator, and add a lift station. Three firms submitted questions, but only one proposal was received from Reynolds Construction, LLC. We believe the size and specialization of the project limited the number of proposals we received. Reynolds Construction submitted a preliminary phase price of \$214,412.00. Reynolds has now presented the attached agreement between Lowndes County and Reynolds Construction of Georgia, LLC. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked if they have done work for Lowndes County. Mr. Stalvey answered that since he's been with Lowndes County they have not, but they have for the City of Valdosta and references were reviewed and verified. Commissioner Smith asked the timeframe for phase one. Mr. Stalvey answered a two-year period.

Peterson Road Lift Station Pump Repair

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the pump one at the Peterson Road lift station began running high amps. After troubleshooting, the pump was sent to Xylem for further diagnostics. After examining the pump, Xylem determined the cost of repairs would be \$24,400.00. The cost of a new pump is \$76,440.25. Staff recommends approval for the pump to be repaired for \$24,400.00. Vice Chairman Orenstein stated we've done several repairs with Xylem and