

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall was not in attendance.

Chairman Bill Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein

**MINUTES**

Chairman Slaughter introduced U.S. Congressman Austin Scott. Congressman Scott stated that he was unable to attend the Bicentennial Celebration on December 23, 2025, and asked to present and read an official resolution commemorating Lowndes County's 200th Birthday. Congressman Scott presented the resolution to Commissioner Evans, who accepted it on behalf of the Commission.

The minutes were presented for the work and regular session of January 12, 2026. There were no revisions to the minutes. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**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