

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 26, 2026, and the regular session minutes of January 27, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Slaughter stated if there were no objections, staff would like to add an item to the agenda, A Temporary Burn Ordinance. There being no objections, Chairman Slaughter asked that the item be added as agenda item 6B. Commissioner Evans made a motion to add the Temporary Burn Ordinance to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZ-2026-01 Williams Howard Property, 5905 Staten Rd., ~6ac, E-A to R-A, Well & Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from E-A (Estate Agricultural) to R-A (Residential Agricultural) in order for the property to be subdivided through Family Ties standards. This property is within the Rural Service Area and Agricultural Character Areas. There is an existing residence and accessory structure centrally located on the property, and no wetlands or groundwater recharge areas that may impact well and septic viability. The Planning Commission and TRC recommended approval. No one spoke for or against this request. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Vice Chairman Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.