

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 24, 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 Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Smith

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 9, 2026, and the regular session of March 10, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the terms of Mr. John McCall and Mr. John Hogan have expired. Both are interested in being reappointed. Mr. Travis Cox has also expressed an interest in serving on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioner Evans nominated Mr. Travis Cox. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. John Hogan. Vice Chairman Orenstein nominated Mr. John McCall. Commissioner Evans, Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioner Smith voted for Mr. Travis Cox. Commissioners Wisenbaker and Marshall voted for Mr. John Hogan. Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioners Wisenbaker and Smith voted for Mr. John McCall. Mr. Travis Cox was appointed and Mr. John McCall was reappointed.

Lowndes County Development Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Robert Green was appointed in July 2025 to fill an unexpired term. That term expired January 9, 2026. Mr. Green would like to be reappointed and Dr. Beverly Richardson-Blake is also interested in serving. Vice Chairman Orenstein nominated Dr. Beverly Richardson-Blake for appointment. There being no other nominations, Dr. Beverly Richardson-Blake was appointed by acclamation.