

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, April 14, 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**

Vice Chairman Orenstein

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Orenstein

**PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY CHILDREN PROCLAMATION (Please Wear Purple)**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Colonel Roberts of Moody Air Force Base, who in turn introduced members of his team and spoke about the significance of Purple Up for Military Kids. Colonel Roberts mentioned the sacrifices made by military children, particularly the challenges they face when their families are stationed overseas for extended periods of time. Chairman Slaughter read and presented Colonel Roberts with a proclamation in support of Purple Up for Military Child Month.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of March 23, 2026 and the regular session of March 24, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

**South Regional Joint Development Authority**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated that the terms of Ms. Andrea Schruijer and Mr. Clay Griner have expired on the South Regional Joint Development Authority. Neither has expressed an interest in being reappointed. Ms. Kathryn "Niki" Ogletree and Mr. Joseph Brownlee are interested in being appointed. Mr. Joe Brownlee was nominated by Commissioner Evans. Ms. Kathryn "Niki" Ogletree was nominated by Commissioner Smith. There being no other nominations, both were appointed by acclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REZ-2026-08 Cedar Subdivision, White Water Rd, Cedar Rd, & Madison Hwy, ~184ac, R-1, C-G, & C-H to R-10 & C-H, County Utilities**

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the rezoning request. Mr. Dillard stated this item represents a change in zoning on the subject properties from R-1 (Low Density Residential), C-G (General Commercial), and C-H