

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Michael Smith

Vice Chairman Orenstein was not in attendance.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized the presence of a class member with Leadership Lowndes.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Wisenbaker

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Wisenbaker

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session of April 13, 2026 and the regular session of April 14, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Adoption of the Lowndes County Resolution for Emergency Management and Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)**

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated the Local Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and accurately reflects how the county operates and organizes during emergencies. In addition to updating this plan, adoption of a Lowndes County Resolution for Emergency Management is also being requested. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the Lowndes County Resolution for Emergency Management, adopt the Lowndes County Local Emergency Operations Plan and authorize the Chairman to execute the documents, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application**

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated that since 2014, this application has been submitted annually and has become a valuable tool for the juvenile court judge as an alternative to detention. Staff is requesting authorization to apply for FY27 funding to continue providing