

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, May 26, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein was not present.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 11, 2026, and the regular session of May 12, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Coleman Road NW Paving and Drainage Improvements, P.I.0016279 Supplemental Agreement No. 2

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated this is Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Coleman Road NW Paving and Drainage Improvements. This road runs from Hagan Bridge Road to Val Del Road in Hahira. Mr. McLeod stated the project has been completed and this is an additional supplement of \$424,000.00, from TIA to Lowndes County to fulfill the remainder of the contract.

Lowndes County Animal Shelter Design-Build Amendment A141-2024 Exhibit B

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated in December 2025, the board approved Kellerman Construction as the Design Builder for the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Kellerman Construction has finished the design process, completed the bid process and provided the Design-Build Amendment A141, Exhibit B for approval. Exhibit B is the final approval to begin construction and includes part B of the contract, the schedule of values, specifications, and construction plans. If approved, Kellerman Construction will begin construction in June 2026. The schedule of values adds up to a total of \$5,000,000.00, which includes a contingency of \$32,880.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how the contingency works. Mr. McLeod answered the contingency is in the contract and if there are any unforeseen issues, such as unsuitable soils, etc. the contingency can be used. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify the contingency is included in the total project cost being submitted. Mr. McLeod responded yes. Chairman Slaughter asked whether any costs exceeding the contingency would require board approval. Mr. McLeod answered yes, that is correct. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked whether the cost could be less than \$5 million if no unforeseen issues arise. Mr. McLeod answered, no sir. County Manager, Paige Dukes, added that if costs exceed the contingency, staff would review the project for potential savings and adjustments to remain within

the \$5 million budget before returning to the commission for additional funding. Mr. McLeod stated that a representative with Kellerman Construction was in the audience and available to answer any additional questions. Commissioner Smith thanked everyone who worked on this project.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of purchasing real estate. At 8:34 a.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session with no additional information being discussed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting.