

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
Special Called Meeting to Adopt the Proposed FY 2027 Budget
Tuesday, June 30, 2026 - 8:30 AM

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 8:30 a.m.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Budget Plan for Hotel Motel Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2027

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item stating the Georgia Statute requires the Commission to adopt prior to each fiscal year a budget plan for the use of hotel/motel tax proceeds for the upcoming fiscal year. The same statute also requires the Commission to obtain from the Conference Center and Tourism Authority a budget plan. This Authority Budget Plan is required to be included in the County's Budget Plan. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the budget plan for the hotel/motel proceeds for fiscal year 2027, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission held the required public hearing on June 23, 2026, adding that the fiscal year 2027 budget remains ready for the Commission's consideration and adoption. Chairman Slaughter expressed his thanks to Finance Director, Stephanie Black and her staff for their work in preparing the budget. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve and adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.