

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 8:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioner Scott Orenstein was not in attendance.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and stated the Vice Chairman for the upcoming rotation would be Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker. Chairman Slaughter thanked Commissioner Orenstein for his time serving as the Vice Chairman.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting of June 22, 2026, the regular session meeting of June 23, 2026, the FY 2027 Budget Public Hearing of June 23, 2026, and the Special Called Meeting to Adopt the FY 2027 Budget of June 30, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

APPOINTMENTS

Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated in March 2026 the Constitution of the Lowndes County Library System was amended to conform with Georgia law. Regarding the Board of Trustees of the Library System, the Constitution, as amended, provides: The Board shall be composed of nine (9) residents of Lowndes County who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County as the only governmental agency supporting the System on a regular basis. Appointments shall be made in writing and the Board members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Mrs. Dukes stated that each term would need to be voted on separately when making the nomination at the regular session meeting. Mrs. Dukes stated the following applicants are interested in serving on the Board: William Booth, Dr. Elveta Miller, Dr. Kendal Crawford, Greg Moore, Dean Poling, Dr. Debra Carruth, Jane Peebles, Gary Wisenbaker, and Mary Beth Brownlee. Chairman Slaughter asked if any applicants were in attendance this morning; two of the applicants were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2026-14 Ray Colding, 6808 Wisenbaker Rd., Lake Park, ~8.5ac, M-1 & R-A to M-2, County Water and Septic County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) and R-A