

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Vice Chairman Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Scott Orenstein
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall
Commissioner Michael Smith

Chairman Bill Slaughter was not present.

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and recognized Leadership Lowndes class members.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Scott Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Scott Orenstein

LOWNDES COUNTY 811 DAY PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey to read the 811 Day Proclamation for the Lowndes County Safe Digging Month, declaring August 11, 2026.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting of July 27, 2026 and the regular session meeting of July 28, 2026. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2026-15 Mardun Ventures, LLC, 6434 Lake Alapaha Blvd, ~10.7ac, R-21 to E-A, County Water & Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on approximately 10.7 acres requesting the subject property from R-21 (medium density residential) zoning to E-A (Estate Agricultural) zoning in order to use the property to plant more pine trees. Mr. Dillard stated the subject property possesses road frontage on Lake Alapaha Blvd. a county-maintained road and is within the urban service and suburban character areas and does contain wetlands. TRC recommended R-A zoning would be more appropriate rather than E-A zoning because of the supplemental standards. The TRC recommended approval of R-A zoning with two conditions