

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Bill Slaughter  
Vice Chairman Scott Orenstein  
Commissioner Joyce Evans  
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker  
Commissioner Demarcus Marshall  
Commissioner Clay Griner

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

**INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Orenstein

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chairman Orenstein

**PRESENTATION**

**GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that Lowndes County has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal year 2023 budget. Ms. Black explained budgets must be rated proficient in all four categories and in fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award. Mrs. Blacks stated this is Lowndes County's 17th consecutive year of receiving this award. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mrs. Black and her staff for their ongoing commitment to preparing and presenting financial information in a detail-oriented way.

**MINUTES**

The minutes were presented for the work session meeting of January 23, 2023 and the regular session meeting of January 24, 2023. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REZ-2023-02 Thomas Property, Madison Hwy, R-1 to R-A, Well & Septic ~10 acres**, County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning for approximately ten (10) acres from R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning to R-A (Residential Agricultural) zoning, in order for the property to be used for agricultural purposes, including the raising