

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Slaughter
Commissioner Joyce Evans
Commissioner Mark Wisenbaker
Commissioner Clay Griner

Vice Chairman Demarcus Marshall and Commissioner Scott Orenstein were not present.
Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

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 this fiscal year 2024 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. Ms. Black stated there are over 1,700 participants in the award program throughout the United States and Canada and this is Lowndes County's 18th consecutive year receiving this award. Chairman Slaughter thanked Ms. Black and her staff for their ongoing commitment to preparing and presenting financial information in a detail-oriented way, which helps the commissioners as well as the citizens of Lowndes County.

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of May 13, 2024 and the regular session of May 14, 2024. No revisions to the minutes were requested.

FOR CONSIDERATION

2024 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Administration Funds Application

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented this item. Mr. McLeod stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced the Governor and Legislature included \$250 million dollars in Local Road Assistance (LRA) funds in the amended fiscal year 2024 budget. These funds will be distributed using the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application System and will require no matching funds. The amount for Lowndes County is \$1,656,734.49. Mr. McLeod stated if approved, these funds will be used for the Val Del Road at North Valdosta Road intersection and restriping approximately 35 miles of paved roads. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding the restriping of the roads, if this will include raised pavement reflectors? Mr. McLeod answered yes.

A New Addition to the Lowndes County Jail Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County Staff, the architect with Studio 8 Designs and the Construction Manager (Allstate Construction