

- This past Sunday, the Lowndes County Animal Services met with the Humane Society of Valdosta and the ASPCA at the animal shelter and 14 animals were transported to a shelter in Kentucky.

Mrs. Dukes asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye, to give the commission an update regarding Tropical Storm Debby. Mr. Tye stated over a week ago Tropical Storm Debby occurred and shifted at the last minute. Lowndes County did not receive quite the impact as expected. The highest wind gusts were 50 mph at the airport and between 4-7 inches of rain was received throughout the county. Approximately twenty-five (25) homes were damaged by trees falling and one hundred (100) individuals expressed an interest for assistance with yard debris. Mr. Tye stated the damage was minimal. GEMA is coming in next week to do a preliminary assessment. Chairman Slaughter and the commissioners thanked Mr. Tye as well as county staff, and all agencies involved with helping during the storm.

#### **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -**

Deborah Wilcox, 3240 Kelsee Circle, addressed the commission regarding the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Ms. Wilcox mentioned a spay/neuter program and ordinances and/or laws to help with people dumping animals.

Burton Fletcher, 3533 Cherry Creek Road, addressed the commission regarding the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Mr. Fletcher mentioned improving communication between the public and the Commissioners, possible monthly and/or weekly meetings with the Chairman and the County Manager to have updates regarding the animal shelter, ordinances on animal welfare, citations for dumping animals, and a spay/neuter program. Mr. Fletcher thanked the board for the additional four hours added to the hours at the animal shelter.

Janice Monaco, 3744 Bermuda Run, addressed the commission regarding the Lowndes County Animal Shelter. Ms. Monaco mentioned the budget for the animal shelter, a spay/neuter program and educating the public.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, Commissioner Evans seconded. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.