

- The Farmer Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Dukes stated if there ever was a time to show support to our farmers, it certainly is this year.
- Saturday, December 14, 2024, Lowndes County Fire Rescue will be hosting the Toys for Tots Softball Tournament at Freedom Park.
- Support the VSU Blazers Saturday, December 14, 2024 as they continue their playoff season.
- December 19, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse we will celebrate Commissioner Griner and his departure.
- December 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. on the Judicial side of the building, Chairman Slaughter and Commissioner Evans will be sworn in for their new terms beginning January 1, 2025.
- January 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner-Elect Michael Smith will be sworn in for his first term.

Mrs. Dukes recognized Commissioner Griner, stating we are grateful for your leadership, service, and your support. It has been a fantastic run and we wish you well. We are grateful for you and your family and you will always be a part of our Lowndes County Family.

Commissioner Griner stated he enjoyed being a part of this group, he has learned a lot, and he is going to miss it. He further stated he is proud of where the county is and what has been accomplished during the past ten years. He also thanked staff, stating they make a tough job much easier.

Chairman Slaughter stated he appreciates everything Commissioner Griner has done for the Commission. Further stating he appreciates the knowledge that Commissioner Griner provided from the accounting and budgeting side as well as resources from him and the whole commission that are beneficial to this group. Chairman Slaughter stated Commissioner Griner will be thoroughly missed and he has been humbled by the opportunity to serve with him. Chairman Slaughter stated he has learned very much from Commissioner Griner, and it has been wonderful working with him. We continue to see the growth in this community and you will forever be a part of that growth.

Commissioner Orenstein stated Commissioner Griner has become a very good friend, advisor, and mentor. He further stated he remembers Commissioner Griner telling him that they could make the County better and discussing their commitments to the County. He also stated Commissioner Griner said he wants to leave the County better than he found it, and Commissioner Orenstein stated there is no doubt that Commissioner Griner has done just that. You have accomplished your mission. Commissioner Orenstein stated he looks forward to Commissioner Griner's future endeavors, and he will always be a part of this family.

Commissioner Wisenbaker and Vice Chairman Marshall let Commissioner Griner know they appreciate him and wished him farewell.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD** - There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Griner made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter wished those in attendance, staff and the commission a very Merry Christmas and adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.