

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
Monday, January 13, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Slaughter welcomed Commissioner Michael Smith to his first work session.

## MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of December 9, 2024 and the regular session of December 10, 2024. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, requested in writing, that the minutes be revised to reflect changes regarding the Emergency Repair Bid for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office and the Emergency Discharge Manhole Replacements as far as an explanation of the emergency.

## APPOINTMENT

### **Valdosta Lowndes Development Authority**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the seat held by Mrs. Terri Lupo has expired as of January 1, 2025 and she has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Robert Green and Mr. Brice Evans have also expressed an interest in serving. Chairman Slaughter stated he supports Mrs. Lupo and has known her for years during her employment with Georgia Power. Chairman Slaughter mentioned if there are any additional candidates to discuss, those can be nominated at the regular session meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Brian Walker of Beezy Bee, LLC, DBA Rum Runner, 3988 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta, GA**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Mrs. Black stated this is due to a change of ownership request from Brian Walker of Beezy Bee, LLC, dba Rum Runner. The request is for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on premises.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

### **Budget Calendar for FY 2026 Operating Budget**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the budget calendar. Ms. Black stated the Commission