

59th wealthiest county in the state of Georgia. Ms. Williams suggested to enforce existing codes on commercial properties. Many businesses neglect maintenance, leaving dilapidated buildings and neglected lots which devalue neighborhoods. Ms. Williams made comments regarding the Lowndes County Board of Education. Chairman Slaughter did comment to Ms. Williams stating the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners has nothing to do with the Lowndes County Board of Education.

Pam Hubbard, 2642 Moore Crossing Road, addressed the commission to state she is a current resident, homeowner and owns farmland in three different parcels (raising cows and growing pine trees) in Lowndes County. Ms. Hubbard stated she is in favor of Lowndes County opting out. Ms. Hubbard stated the discussion with the citizens is important and tax payers are being given the opportunity to express their frustrations. Ms. Hubbard mentioned she was under the impression if you opt in, the decision making leaves Lowndes County and goes to the state level and she would personally like to speak to the commission rather than being a number that would not be able to get through an unelected official with the state. Lowndes County Schools can make their decision, opt in at a later date and explain why, if it is needed. Ms. Hubbard stated opting out is the reasonable thing to do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.