

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Commissioner Wisenbaker was not present.

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Demarcus Marshall

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of January 27, 2025 and the regular session minutes of January 28, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2025-01 Hurtado Property, Bethany Dr., ~6.4ac, R-A to R-1, County Water & Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on a portion of the subject property from R-A (Residential Agricultural) zoning to R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning. The general motivation in this case is for the applicant to subdivide the property into conforming lots for individual residences. The subject property possesses road frontage on Bethany Drive and Val Del Road, both local and collector County maintained roads respectively, is within the Rural Service Area and Rural Residential Character Area, which recommend R-1 zoning. Mr. Dillard stated there are no wetlands other than a pond. The TRC recommended approval. Mr. Dillard stated at the Planning Commission meeting the applicant spoke in favor and a few citizens spoke in opposition expressing concerns over storm water, drainage, added traffic, the current sale of 2.5 acre lots on the western portion of Bethany Road, near Bethany Drive, and the Planning Commission questioned the timeline of the Val Del Road improvements and the Planning Commission recommended denial.