

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
Monday, February 24, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 10, 2025, the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 10, 2025, the regular session of February 11, 2025, the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 11, 2025, and the House Bill 581 public hearing of February 24, 2025. County Attorney, Walter Elliott, requested verbally that the work session and regular session minutes be revised regarding the reconvening of the meetings after the public hearings were held. Mr. Elliott also asked that the House Bill 581 public hearing minutes of February 24, 2025, be added for approval.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Lowndes County Accountability Court Grant Approval

Southern Circuit Accountability Courts Director, Jennifer Fabbri presented the item. Mrs. Fabbri introduced Heather King, the Senior Case Manager with the Colquitt County Accountability Court. Mrs. Fabbri stated the Lowndes County Accountability Court has received a federal grant in the amount of \$7,500.00, with no cash match requirement by the county. This funding will be used to implement a PEER program, People Entering Early Recovery, for the Lowndes County Accountability Court. Mrs. Fabbri stated Ms. King created this program and asked her to speak briefly. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked to verify that there had been an accountability court in place for the past few years. Chairman Slaughter responded yes, with this being an additional service.

BID

Bid for One Truck for Magistrate Court

Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, presented the item. Mrs. Woods stated Lowndes County solicited bids for a quantity of one new truck for the Magistrate Court. Two bids were received with Stivers Ford being the low bidder in the amount of \$39,852.00. Mrs. Woods stated this is replacing an older vehicle with high mileage. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this is replacing a truck or car, Mrs. Dukes responded this would be replacing a car, due to the amount of dirt roads which are traveled, this is the better option.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for attorney client privilege pending claims brought against the county. At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of pending claims brought against the county, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session with no additional information being discussed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker and Vice Chairperson Evans. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting.