

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Chairman Slaughter recognized Lowndes County 911 Director, Tonya Davis and she introduced her staff in attendance; Lt. Tommy Ceaser, Sgt. Gracie Eason, and Brandy Ellsberry. Chairman Slaughter stated the Lowndes County 911 Center won the award for 911 Center of the Year in the state of Georgia and thanked the 911 staff for their work and dedication to the community. Chairman Slaughter asked the 911 staff to come up for pictures with the Commissioners.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Orenstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Orenstein

MINUTES

The minutes were presented for the work session of February 24, 2025, the executive session of February 24, 2025 and the regular session minutes of February 25, 2025. No revisions to the minutes were requested. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Vice Chairperson Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating the Commission heard from County Manager, Paige Dukes, during the work session yesterday morning. Chairman Slaughter stated the request was received from Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council requesting that Mr. Corey Millirons be appointed. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated he spoke with Mr. Jake Price and he said that Mr. Millirons will do a good job. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Mr. Corey Millirons for appointment. There being no other nominations, Mr. Corey Millirons was appointed by acclamation.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Network Hardware Replacement

ITS Database Administrator/Web Interactive Programmer, Paul Basehore, presented the item. Mr. Basehore stated this is to replace network equipment at three smaller data centers which is currently end of life and end of support. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Advanced Disposal Services has applied to renew its existing franchise agreement for the upcoming year. Advanced Disposal is one of two solid waste collection companies that provides services to the residents of Lowndes County. Mr. Beals stated the required documents have been submitted for renewal with the term beginning April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2026. Advanced Disposal has two collection centers, one on Loch Laurel Road and one located on Pine Grove Road. Advanced Disposal provides service to 9,580 residents. Commissioner Marshall asked if there was a need to increase the cost, Mr. Beals responded that the price was raised in 2023 with a 'not to exceed' price of \$25.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if these companies were aware that the collection process should not start before 7:00 a.m., Mr. Beals stated the time is mentioned within the agreement and he would inquire. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Deep South Sanitation, LLC, Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Deep South Sanitation is the other collection agency in the unincorporated portions of the county, that has applied to renew its existing franchise agreement for the upcoming year. Mr. Beals stated the required documents have been submitted for renewal with the term beginning April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2026. Deep South Sanitation services 8,359 residents and has one collection center on Industrial Blvd. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

Chairman Slaughter mentioned that County Manager, Paige Dukes was in Atlanta. Chairman Slaughter stated the Bicentennial Resolution was being recognized in the Senate and House on Thursday morning.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Brittany Basehore, 5630 Emily Lane, addressed the commission on behalf of her homeschool group that meets as part of Classical Conversations. Mrs. Basehore invited the Commissioners and County Manager to attend an upcoming event, 'Excellence in Education' being held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Charity Baptist Church, 4690 Shiloh Road in Hahira, at 11: 30 a.m. She mentioned It is a thirty-minute presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith invited those in attendance to Lunch on the Lawn being held this Friday at the historic courthouse. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the regular session, second by Vice Chairperson Evans. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.