

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY23 5311 Regional Transit Resolution

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FY23 5311 Regional Transit Resolution

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Department of Transportation has completed a Statewide Transit plan that encourages the development of regional transit planning and service delivery models to support growing challenges related to funding and improving access to jobs, healthcare, and other services in different counties that enhance the connections and efficiencies regional cooperation can bring. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission has submitted an FY 2023 Grant Application to operate a Regional 5311 Rural Transportation Program, in order to utilize economies of scale in delivering services and minimizing costs associated with the program to local governments.

Attached is a copy of the resolution for adoption which authorizes the Chairman to sign all necessary forms in order for GDOT to process the request, and for Lowndes County to opt into the regional transit program.

- OPTIONS: 1. Board's Pleasure
2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the required documents to be signed for the SGRC's operation of a Regional 5311 Rural Transportation Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve
Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5311.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants to non-urbanized (rural) areas for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon Applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant",

1. That the Designated Official, Southern Georgia Regional Commission hereinafter, referred to as the "Official" is authorized to execute and file an application on the behalf of the Applicant, a City/County government, with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of public transportation assistance pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act.
2. That the Official is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Official is authorized to execute and file all other standard assurances or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
4. That the Official is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

5. That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs as applicable.
6. That the applicant while making application to or receiving grants from the Federal Transit Administration will comply with FTA Circular 9040.1G, FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal Assistance 2021 as listed in this grant application and General Operating Guidelines as illustrated in the Georgia State Management Plan.
7. That the applicant has or will have available the required non-federal funds to meet local share requirements for this grant application, and will reimburse the Official for any local share requirements on a proportional basis.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2021.

Authorized Official

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

Type Name and Title

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 2021 in the presence of

Witness

Notary Public/Notary Seal

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting _____ County Clerk _____ of _____ Lowndes County certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting held on _____, 2021.

Belinda Lovern
Name of Certifying/Attesting Officer

County Clerk
Title of Certifying/Attesting Officer

(Place Seal Here)

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Adoption of Budget Calendar for FY 2022 - 2023

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Adoption of Budget Calendar for FY 2022 - 2023

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Attached for your review is the proposed budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023. Preparations are already underway and packages are being prepared to send out to elected officials, department heads and outside agencies. The calendar is a guideline for the budget process and milestones leading up to the adoption of the final budget in June. The final budget must be adopted by the Board of Commissioners prior to June 30, 2022.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Budget Calendar for FY 2022 - 2023.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Budget Calendar
Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Manager's Budget Letter to Elected Officials, Department Heads and Outside Agencies	11/30/21
Finance Issues Budget Packages Electronically to Elected Officials, Department Heads and Outside Agencies	11/30/21
Finance Offers Preliminary Budget Meetings to Answer Questions Regarding Completion of Budget Packages	1/1/22 - 2/14-22
Personnel Requests Including New Positions and Upgrades Due to Human Resources	01/14/22
Human Resources Determines the Cost of Any Personnel Requests	1/14/22 - 2/14/22
Packages Due Back to Finance	02/14/22
Commission Planning Retreat	2/23/22 - 2/25/22
Finance Enters All Requests into the Budgeting Software and Clarifies Any Requests	2/14/22 - 2/18/22
Human Resources Prepares a Payroll Budget Based on Position Requests and Direction from the Board	2/21/22 - 2/25/22
Finance Makes the Initial Revenue Projections	2/21/22 - 2/25/22
Budget Committee Meets With All Elected Officials, Department Heads and Outside Agencies to Discuss Their Budgets	3/21/22 - 3/25/22
Budget Committee Finalizes Budget Recommendations	04/22/22
Board of Commissioners Hold Work Sessions to Review the Proposed Budgets and Make Recommendations	5/16/22 - 5/20/22
Public Hearing on the Budget	06/15/22
Adoption of the Budget	06/29/22

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant-CV - Second Harvest

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: CDBG-CV Grant - Second Harvest

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Second Harvest of South Georgia is seeking a Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV). The grant is related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant proceeds will be used for a new facility for Second Harvest which will allow it to prepare for and respond to the increased demand for food bank services as a result of the pandemic.

Lowndes County has been asked to submit the grant application and will be the recipient of the grant if awarded. DCA also requires an authority to be the sub-grant recipient. The Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority will be the sub-grant recipient if the grant is awarded.

Attached are a proposed Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Industrial Authority, and a proposed Subrogation and Assignment Agreement between the County and Second Harvest.

- OPTIONS:
1. Adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Resolution and approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Industrial Authority and the attached Subrogation and Assignment Agreement between the County and Second Harvest.
 2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve
Board's Pleasure
Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESOLUTION

**OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CV
(CDBG-CV) FUNDS
FOR SECOND HARVEST OF SOUTH GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Lowndes County has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for a new, expanded Second Harvest of South Georgia facility in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 and the increased demands for food bank services as a result of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) funds are sufficient to address this need; and

WHEREAS, Lowndes County has requested the staff of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to assist in the preparation and administration of the Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) application; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of South Georgia has selected McCall Architecture to provide pre- and post-award services as the project architect for the Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) application; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of South Georgia has agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project;

WHEREAS, Lowndes County has agreed to provide in-kind services to complete this project;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Lowndes County will submit a Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) application to address the identified needs.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

BY:

Bill Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

Belinda C. Lovern, County Clerk

(SEAL)

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOWNDES COUNTY AND
THE VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY**

This Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into and effective the 9th day of November, 2021, by and between **the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County on behalf of Lowndes County (“Lowndes County”)** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority**.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) was signed into law, and the CARES Act provided funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to allocate to states through the Community Block Development Grant COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Program (“CDBG-CV”); and

WHEREAS, HUD allocated funding totaling Eighty-Two Million, Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred Seven and Zero Dollars (\$82,850,607.00) to the state of Georgia under the CDBG-CV; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require all CDBG-CV funding to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-CV funding will be utilized for the benefit of persons earning low-and-moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia has allocated CDBG-CV funding to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to distribute in response to coronavirus pandemic related hardships, including, but not limited to food insecurity, rural access to healthcare, rental assistance, utilities assistance, broadband connectivity, and small business operational cost assistance; and

WHEREAS, DCA allocated **\$18,000,000** to **Lowndes County** to respond to the coronavirus pandemic related hardship caused by food insecurity and lack of access to healthcare facilities in Lowndes County and

WHEREAS, **Lowndes County** desires (a) to enter into an agreement with the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** to administer on behalf of **Lowndes County**, the CDBG-CV funding totaling **\$18,000,000**, and (b) the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** to enter into agreement(s) with a local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises and agreements set forth below, **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** hereby agree as follows:

I. Duties of Lowndes County

1. **Lowndes County** agrees to serve as recipient and fiscal agent for CDBG-CV funding from DCA. As a recipient of these funds, **Lowndes County** will:
 - a. Process payments, submitting quarterly performance reports, providing access to all applicable records for DCA/HUD inspection.
 - b. Meet with DCA and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** staff to ensure compliance/progress.
 - c. Provide all related documentation required for CDBG-CV grant awards.
 - d. Collaborate with DCA and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements.
 - e. Ensure all bidding and contract documents contain necessary language to satisfy all applicable requirements.
 - f. Provide CDBG-CV funding allocated to **Lowndes County** to the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** as a subgrant recipient for the purpose of entering into an agreement with a local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility.

II. Duties of the Valdosta Lowndes County Industrial Authority

1. **The Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** agrees to serve as a subgrant recipient of CDBG-CV funding received by **Lowndes County** from DCA. As a subgrant recipient of these funds, the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** will:
 - a. Enter into agreements with a local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility to provide CDBG-CV funding for rehabilitation or construction activities.
 - b. Collaborate with **Lowndes County** to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements.
 - c. Provide access to all applicable records for DCA/HUD inspection.

- d. Provide timely information to **Lowndes County** pertaining to quarterly performance reports.
- e. Verify appropriate expenditures and submit invoices from local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility to **Lowndes County** for approval of payment processing.
- f. Assist, as requested, **Lowndes County** recapture award funding in circumstances where a local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility has received funds derived from insurance, Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Small Business Association or any other source, and whether such amounts are a duplication of benefits.

III. General Terms & Conditions

1. **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** agree to perform their respective services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders of federal, state, and local governments, including order of any court of competent jurisdiction.
2. **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** agree to maintain for the duration of this Agreement all licenses, certifications and permits applicable to the services to be performed under this Agreement.
3. **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** agree they and their respective employees, agents, subcontractors, and assigns, will cooperate fully in the defense of any litigation brought against **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** relating to the work to be performed under this Agreement, and each party shall give the other prompt notice of any claim, demand, suit or proceeding.
4. This Agreement shall be effective as of November 9, 2021, and shall continue in full force and effect until January 31, 2024, unless such period is extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for their convenience, with thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other party.
5. The parties recognize and agree it may be necessary or convenient for the parties to amend this Agreement so as to provide for the orderly implementation of all of the undertaking described herein, and the parties agree to cooperate fully in

connection with such amendments if and as necessary. However, no change, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless the same is reduced to writing and signed by all parties hereto.

6. Any notice under this Agreement shall be deemed duly given if delivered by hand (against receipt) or if sent by registered or certified mail – return receipt requested, to a party hereto at the address set forth below or to such other address as the parties may designate by notice from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

If to **Lowndes County:**

Chairman Bill Slaughter
327 N Ashley Street
Valdosta, GA 31601

If to **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority:**

Chairman Brad Folsom
103 Roosevelt Drive
Valdosta, GA31602

7. This Agreement is executed in the State of Georgia and all matters pertaining to the validity, construction, interpretation, and effect of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
8. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which shall constitute one agreement. No party shall be bound by this Agreement until all parties have executed the Agreement.
9. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto and replaces, cancels and supersedes any prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof; and all prior representations, agreements, and undertakings between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof are merged herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the authorized representatives of each to execute this Agreement.

Lowndes County

Chairman

Date

Valdosta Lowndes County Industrial Authority

Chairman

Date

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

STATE OF GEORGIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19
PANDEMIC RECOVERY (CDBG-CV) SUBROGATION AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SUBROGATION AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on this 9th day of November, 2021, by and between **the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County on behalf of Lowndes County**, whose address is 327 N Ashley Street, Valdosta, GA 31601 (“Recipient”) and **Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc.**, whose address is 1411 Harbin Circle, Valdosta, GA 31601 (the “Food Bank”).

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery (“CDBG-CV”) Program (“Program”) funds are provided to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-CV funds awards to the Recipient shall be administered by the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Recipient and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority**, dated November 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Recipient has selected the Food Bank to receive an award in the amount of **Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000)** to be administered by the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between the Food Bank and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority**; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank has been awarded Program funds to perform rehabilitation or construction activities for the facility located at 1411 Harbin Circle, Valdosta, GA 31601; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank, subject to the provisions herein shall assign to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), on behalf of the state of Georgia, to the extent of the grant proceeds awarded or to be awarded to the Food Bank under the Program, any claims, future rights to reimbursement, and all payments hereafter received or to be received by the Food Bank for the same purpose of the CDBG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant proceeds referred to above may be derived from insurance, Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Small Business Association or any other source, and whether such amounts are a duplication of benefits (“DOB”), shall be referred to herein as “Proceeds,” and any Proceeds that are a DOB shall be referred to herein as “DOB Proceeds.”; and

WHEREAS, all DOB Proceeds shall be detailed on the Duplication of Benefits Affidavit submitted by the Food Bank to the Recipient; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving any Proceeds not listed on the Duplication of Benefits Affidavit, the Food Bank agrees to immediately notify the Recipient who will notify DCA and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) of such additional amounts, and HUD will determine in its sole discretion if such additional amounts constitute a DOB.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, Recipient and the Food Bank do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Food Bank agrees to assist and cooperate with the Recipient, if the Recipient elects to pursue any of the claims the Food Bank has against the insurers for reimbursement of DOB Proceeds under any such policies.
2. The Food Bank agrees to provide assistance and cooperation, including but not limited to, allowing suit to be brought in the Food Bank's Name and providing any additional documentation with respect to such consent, giving depositions, providing documents, producing record and other evidence, testifying at trial and any other form of assistance and cooperation reasonably requested by the Recipient.
3. The Food Bank agrees to assist and cooperate in the attainment and collection of any DOB Proceeds that the Food Bank would be entitled to under any applicable COVID-19 Pandemic Program.
4. The Food Bank explicitly agrees to allow the Recipient to request of any company with which the Food Bank held insurance policies, or FEMA or the SBA or any other entity from which the Food Bank has applied for or is receiving Proceeds, any non-public or confidential information determined to be reasonably necessary by the Recipient to monitor/enforce its interest in the rights assigned to it under this Agreement and give the Food Bank's consent to such company to release said information to the Recipient.
5. Any of the Proceeds determined to be DOB Proceeds shall be remitted to the Recipient no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following notification by the Recipient of the occurrence of a DOB awarded or disbursed to the Food Bank.
6. All DOB Proceeds shall be retained by the Recipient and/or disbursed to DCA, on behalf of HUD, as determined by DCA.
7. If any Federal Assistance Payments received by the Food Bank for physical damage to property of the Food Bank (not including contents) for the same purpose, the Food Bank agrees to promptly pay such amount to the State of Georgia, if that amount would have reduced the amount of the COVID – 19 Pandemic Program grant.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the authorized representatives of each to execute this Agreement.

Lowndes County
(“RECIPIENT”)

By: _____

Title: Chairman

Date: _____

Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc.
(“FOOD BANK”)

By: _____

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Code Red Annual Renewal

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$31,500.00 - Budgeted funds

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual - \$31,500.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Annual Renewal of Code Red Service

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Since 2007, Lowndes County has utilized Code Red as a mass notification system to provide the residents of Lowndes County with emergency notifications for emergency situations such as severe weather, boil water notices and other emergency situations. This service allows local officials to notify residents in an area impacted by an emergency in a short period of time and provide them with information on the nature of the emergency as well as what they should do in order to protect themselves, their family and property. In the case of severe weather, the system is capable of providing potentially life-saving warnings immediately as they are issued by the National Weather Service to alert any residents within the designated path of the storm.

Continuation of the current services provided through Code Red requires an annual renewal. The renewal fee for the one-year period beginning December 10, 2021 is \$31,500.00.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve quote from Onsolve in the amount of \$31,500.00 to continue providing Code Red services.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request for Cash Match Increase for VAWA ASG Salary Supplement

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$17,217.00 Increase, (\$32,266.00 Total Cash Match)

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Cash - \$17,217.00 Increase
(\$32,266.00 Total Cash Match)
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request for Cash Match Increase for VAWA ASG Salary Supplement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The VAWA ASG position has been vacant since August. Ms. Avis was offered a job in another prosecutor's office making more money. This will be the 6th time this position has been posted. In doing a survey of current ASG positions posted on PAC's website, the minimum salary currently posted throughout GA is \$61,000 and up to \$85,000. With all of these competitive postings, there's no way we will ever get anyone to apply for our posting for only \$46,000. SG's office receives \$50,000 in Federal funds from the VAWA Grant which partially funds the ASG position. The county offsets the required fringe benefits in the form of a cash match. Right now, the salary is \$46,000 and the county is paying a total cash match of \$19,049. In order for the salary to be \$60,000, the county will need to pay a total cash match of \$36,266. This requires the county to pay \$17,217 more than they currently are now. We are asking the county to approve this increase in the VAWA cash match in order to be able to hire and retain a qualified candidate for this position.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Cash Match Increase for VAWA ASG Salary Supplement
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2021 Comprehensive Plan Adoption

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2021 Comprehensive Plan Adoption

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The main purposes of the comprehensive plan are communication and guidance. The communication aspects of the plan help illustrate both the current conditions and the potential future conditions of the community. At its foundation, the comprehensive plan's role in guiding the community is to provide recommendations; some with specific goals and policies, others with general consistency with the overall plan itself. Local requirements that have been increasing in recent years are most commonly reflected in a framework of how staff evaluates various information that is decided upon by elected officials, such as rezoning cases, telecommunication towers cases, and text amendments.

Transitioning from the main purposes to the process, for the better part of the last year, staff at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) have worked on updating the Comprehensive Plan for each of the Greater Lowndes local governments. In addition to SGRC staff, input on the plan has been obtained from local government staff, elected officials, community organizations, and members of the public. This request represents the official LCBOC consideration of the 2021 Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan. Pending LCBOC direction and adoption, this plan is still able to be changed through official LCBOC consideration. For future reference, typical Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) schedules set the next required updates to the plan in 2026 and 2031. It should also be noted that while the plan has been prepared jointly by the SGRC, each individual local government is responsible for the adoption of its own Comprehensive Plan.

Concerning public input, two required VDT notices have been published, along with community workshops and additional stakeholder meetings focused on the Future Development Map were held. Overall, the major changes to the plan include the addition of the broadband element regarding access and future deployment of internet access in rural areas, and the Character Area or Future Development Map.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the 2021 Greater Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan and Staff recommends authorizing the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

- OPTIONS: 1) Board's Pleasure
2) Authorize the Chairman to sign the attached resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure
Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
2021 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
FOR LOWNDES COUNTY AND THE
CITIES OF DASHER, HAHIRA, LAKE PARK, REMERTON, AND VALDOSTA**

WHEREAS, Lowndes County has completed the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update for Lowndes County and Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta;

WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning as established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Chapter 110-12-1, Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, effective October 1, 2018;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Lowndes County does hereby adopt the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update for Lowndes County and Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Bill Slaughter, Chairman
Lowndes County

ATTEST: Belinda Lovern, County Clerk

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan Restriping

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$281,529.50

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON:

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan Restriping bid includes restriping 63 linear miles of paved county roads. The restriping includes restriping the centerline, edgeline, stopbars and pavement markings, as well as installing raised pavement markers. Lowndes County received \$150,000.00, of LMIG funding assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The difference between the grant funding and the bid will be allocated to SPLOST VIII. Bids were received and opened on October 19, 2021. Staff received two bids at the bid opening.

Peek Pavement Marking, LLC - \$281,529.50

Mid-State Striping - The bidder asked staff to remove their bid because of a technicality.

This agenda item seeks approval to award the project to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.

- OPTIONS: 1. Award the project to Peek Pavement Markings, LLC and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ENG 2021 SAP LMIG: 2021 Restriping Various County Roads

Val-Del Road – 9.35 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 7 ending at Cook County line

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 2 Stop Bars (24" Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Skipper Bridge – 9.20 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 125 ending at Cook County line

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 3 Stop Bars (24" Thermoplastic)
- 2 Arrows, Type 2 (Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Union Road – 2.30 miles - Beginning at joint past SR 122 ending at Cook County line

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- RPM's

Old US 41 – 3.5 miles - Beginning at Union Road ending at Hahira City Limits

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- RPM's

Coleman Road North – 1.75 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 7 ending at Crooked Circle

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 2 Arrows, Type 2 (Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Shiloh Road – 6.85 miles - Beginning at Vickers Drive ending at Morven Road

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 1 Stop Bar (24" Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Cat Creek Road – 2.65 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 125 ending at Radar Site Road

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 2 Stop Bars (24" Thermoplastic)
- 2 Arrows, Type 2 (Thermoplastic) – (@ SR 125)
- 1 Arrow, Type 2 (Thermoplastic) – (@ River Road Intersection)
- RPM's

Old Pine Road – 1.37 miles - Beginning at Skipper Bridge Road ending at Joint SR 125

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 1 Stop Bar (24" Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Johnston Road – 2.76 miles - Beginning at Dasher city limits ending at Hickory Grove Road N.

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 1 Stop Bar (24" Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Loch Laurel Road – 3.97 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 376 ending at Florida State line

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- RPM's

Touchton Road – 2.96 miles - Beginning at Carroll Ulmer Road ending at Loch Laurel Road

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 2 Stop Bars (24" Thermoplastic)
- RPM's

Ousley Road – 10.86 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 38 ending at Old Clyattville Road

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- 4 Stop Bars (24" Thermoplastic)
- 2 Thermoplastic railroad symbols
- RPM's

White Water Road – 5.71 miles - Beginning at Joint SR 31 ending at Joint SR 376

- High build centerline and edge line stripe 5" wide
- RPM's