

# LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED AGENDA

WORK SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, 8:30 A.M. REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022, 5:30 P.M. 327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag
- 4. Minutes For Approval
  - a. Work Session December 13, 2021 & Regular Session December 14, 2021

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

## 5. For Consideration

a. Set Qualifying Fees

Recommended Action:

Board's Pleasure

Documents:

b. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court - Law Enforcement Subgrant—State Court

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

c. Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court - Enhancement and Innovation Subgrant Award – State Court

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

d. Nelson Hill Lift Station Pump Upgrade

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

e. Approval of DA's Federal VOCA/CESF Grant Application Renewal

Recommended Action:

Option 1

Documents:

f. Special Assessment Rate for 2022

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

g. AT&T Switched Ethernet Circuit Continuation of Service

Recommended Action:

Approve

Documents:

h. GDOT Safety Action Program Loch Laurel Road Project

Recommended Action: Approve

Documents:

i. FY 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application

Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

Documents:

j. Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority Sales Tax Exemption

Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

Documents:

k. Property Purchase - Building Valdosta, LLC

Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

Documents:

- 6. Reports County Manager
- 7. Citizens Wishing To Be Heard Please State Your Name and Address
- 8. Adjournment

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|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DATE | OF MEETING: January 25, 2022 | Work Session/Regular Session |
| BUDG | ET IMPACT:                   |                              |
| FUND | DING SOURCE:                 |                              |
| ( )  | Annual                       |                              |
| ( )  | Capital                      |                              |
| (X)  | N/A                          |                              |
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**COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Set Qualifying Fees** 

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: State statute requires the governing authority of any county or municipality, not later than February 1, of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held, shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county or municipal office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election.

**County Office:** Commissioner

SUBJECT: Set Qualifying Fees

**Amount:** \$450.00

OPTIONS: 1. Set and publish qualifying fees as required by law and approve the resolution.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: County Manager <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Paige Dukes

## A RESOLUTION OF THE LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SETTING THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICES FOR 2022

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is the governing authority for Lowndes County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, to set and publish qualifying fees for county offices not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fee is required to be 3% of the base salary (excluding supplements, cost of living adjustment and longevity increases) for the offices shown below;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the qualifying fees for elected offices for 2022 as follows:

| County Office       | Qualifying Fee |
|---------------------|----------------|
| County Commissioner | \$450.00       |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, these qualifying fees shall be published in the legal organ of the county as required by law.

This 25th Day of January, 2022.

|                                 | Lowndes County Board of Commissioners |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                 | Bill Slaughter, Chairman              |
| ATTEST:                         |                                       |
| Belinda C. Lovern, County Clerk | -                                     |

SUBJECT: Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court - Law Enforcement Subgrant—State Court

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$0
FUNDING SOURCE:
(X) Annual
( ) Capital
( ) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Agreement for Law Enforcement Subgrant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a Local Law Enforcement Subgrant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of \$9,195.00, with no match requirement by the County. This subgrant will help fund the surveillance officer curfew checks, drug and alcohol screens, and surveillance duties for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 31, 2022.

The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and currently has a total of 30 active participants in the program and is at maximum capacity.

**OPTIONS: 1. Approve** 

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: State Court <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Judge Golden

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

## State of Georgia

## SUBGRANT AWARD

SUBGRANTEE: Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDS: \$ 9,195

AGENCY: Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

MATCHING FUNDS: \$

PROJECT NAME: AC - Local Law Enforcement

TOTAL FUNDS: \$

9,195

SUBGRANT NUMBER: K22-8-003 GRANT PERIOD: 01/01/22-06/30/22

This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The purpose of the Accountability Court Grants program is to make grants to local courts and judicial circuits, and to collaborate with pilot programs to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. This grant program is subject to the administrative rules established by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This Subgrant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period, provided that a properly executed original of this "Subgrant Award" is returned to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by June 30, 2021.

## AGENCY APPROVAL

### SUBGRANTEE APPROVAL

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Jay Neal, Director<br>Criminal Justice Coordinating Council | Signature of Authorized Official Date     |  |  |  |  |
| Date Executed: 01/01/22                                     | Typed Name & Title of Authorized Official |  |  |  |  |
|   | Employer Tax Identification Number (EIN)  |  |  |  |  |

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#### INTERNAL USE ONLY

| TRANS CD | REFERENCE | ORDER | EFF DATE | TYPE    | PAY DATE | INVOICE | CONTRACT # |
|----------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| 102      | 01        | 1     | 01/01/22 | 9       |          | **      | K22-8-003  |
| OVERRIDE | ORGAN     | CLASS |          | PROJECT | VENDO    | R CODE  |            |
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| ITEM CODE | DESCRIPTION 25 CHARACTERS  | EXPENSE ACCT | AMOUNT   |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1         | AC - Local Law Enforcement | 624.41       | \$ 9,195 |

SUBJECT: Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court Lowndes County DUI Court - Enhancement and Innovation Subgrant Award – State Court

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

| BUDG | ET IMPACT: \$0 |
|------|----------------|
| FUNE | DING SOURCE:   |
| (X)  | Annual         |
| ( )  | Capital        |
| ( )  | N/A            |
| ( )  | SPLOST         |
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Agreement for Enhancement and Innovation Subgrant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia grant program. The Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded an Enhancement and Innovation Subgrant Award by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a total of \$3,580.00, with no match requirement by the County. This supplemental grant was requested for GPS Monitors and Document Translations. The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017 and currently has a total of 30 active participants in the program and is at maximum capacity.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

**DEPARTMENT**: State Court

**DEPARTMENT HEAD: Judge Golden** 

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL ENHANCEMENT AND INNOVATION SUBGRANT AWARD ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRANT

SUBGRANTEE: Lowndes County SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDS: \$3,580

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Lowndes County DUI Court

PROJECT NAME: ACCOUNTABILITY COURT

SUBGRANT NUMBER: A22-8-017 GRANT PERIOD: 01/01/22-06/30/22

This award is made under the Accountability Courts State of Georgia Grant program. The purpose of the Accountability Court Grants program is to make grants to local courts and judicial circuits to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. This grant program is subject to the administrative rules established by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This Subgrant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period, provided that a properly executed original of this "Subgrant Award" is returned to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by December 31, 2021.

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SUBGRANTEE APPROVAL

Signature of Authorized Official

Jay Neal, Director

AGENCY APPROVAL

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Date Executed: 01/01/22 Typed Name & Title of Authorized Official

Employer Tax Identification Number (EIN)

| SUBJECT: Nelson Hill Lift Station Pump Upgrade  |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022   | Work Session/Regular Session |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BUDGET IMPACT: \$45,742.00 FUNDING SOURCE:  (X) Annual  ( ) Capital  ( ) N/A  ( ) SPLOST  ( ) TSPLOST |                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Due to growth in the area, the pumps in the Nelson Hill lift station are at capacity and need to be upsized to handle the flow. To meet the expected capacity, the existing 10hp pumps will be changed to 25hp pumps. Xylem has provided a quote for \$45,742.00 for the two new pumps. Staff recommends approval to purchase two 25hp pumps for the Nelson Hill lift station.

OPTIONS: (1.) Approve purchase of two 25hp pumps for Nelson Hill lift station.

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Nelson Hill Lift Station Pump Upgrade

(2.) Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Utilities <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Steve Stalvey

SUBJECT: Approval of DA's Federal VOCA/CESF Grant Application Renewal

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

**BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on the County** 

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 

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| ()   | Annual       |  |
| ( )  | Capital      |  |
| ( )  | N/A          |  |
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: VOCA/CESF Funded VWAP Continuation Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The District Attorney's Office of the Southern Circuit has been a recipient of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 1997. The VOCA funds, combined with the 5% victim fees, provide the financial support for the Victim Services provided by the DA to all five counties. The grant is funneled through Lowndes County, rather than all five counties, for simplification and efficiency purposes. This grant, along with the 5% funds, allow the DA to provide victim services utilizing funds paid by federal and state defendants and not taxpayers. Submission of the application is due in the PAC Office by January 31, 2022. We also request, for efficiency, that the Commission execute a letter allowing the grant funds to be deposited directly to the DA's Office, rather than the funds being deposited to Lowndes County and then a check sent to the DA and also execute a letter authorizing the District Attorney to sign any and all future paperwork pertaining to this VOCA/CESF Continuation Grant. (Sample Letters Attached).

OPTIONS: 1. Approve VOCA/CESF Grant Application of the District Attorney

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: District Attorney <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Bradfield M. Shealy



Seeking Justice with Honor

PETER J. SKANDALAKIS
Executive Director

SHANNON WALLACE
Chair
District Aftorney
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit

C.R. CHISHOLM, JR. Vice Chair Solicitor-General Athens-Clarke County

TASHA M. MOSLEY Secretary District Attorney Clayton Judicial Circuit

JONATHAN L. ADAMS
District Attorney
Towaliga Judicial Circuit

KEITH E. GAMMAGE Solicitor-General Fulton County

> REBECCA GRIST Solicitor-General Macon-Bibb County

District Attorney
Rome Judicial Circuit

BERT POSTON
District Attorney
Conassuga Judicial Circuit

BRADFORD L. RIGBY District Attorney Cordele Judicial Circuit December 10, 2021

Re: Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Allocation - October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Dear Mr. Shealy:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) has approved the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental funding application as submitted by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC). Therefore, your office has been selected to receive a portion of this award in order to fund your Victims Compensation Advocate. Below are the specifics with regard to your allocation of the statewide grant distribution.

County: Lowndes Implementing Prosecuting Attorney: District Attorney Bradfield Shealy Grant Period: October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022

**CESF Allocation** 

Federal Funds: \$50,467

CICC Sub-Grant Number: **B50-8-128** Federal Grant Number: **2020-VD-BX-0009** 

Peter J. Skandalis

CFDA Number: 16.034

The activation documents (see included checklist for guidelines on submitting documents) must be returned to PAC by January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Sarai Leonides (sleonides@pacga.org) or at (770) 282-6290.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Skandalakis Executive Director

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council

SUBJECT: Special Assessment Rate for 2022

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022 Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: FUNDING SOURCE: ( ) Annual

( ) Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Special Assessment Rate for 2022

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners is required to set the interest rate for Special Assessments at the beginning of each calendar year. This rate is for all paving and utility assessments that are not paid off within the initial 90-day phase. Unpaid assessments revert to installment agreements which are to be paid over a period of up to ten years. The rate is based on the current prime rate plus two (2) percent. The prime rate is the interest rate charged by banks when they lend money to other banks, or to their "prime" customers. Most American banks and credit unions use this index as the foundation for their loan products. The current prime rate is 3.25%; therefore, the rate for special assessments should be set at 5.25% for 2022. The rate for 2021 was set at 5.25%.

OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Special Assessment Rate at 5.25% for 2022

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Finance <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Stephanie Black

SUBJECT: AT&T Switched Ethernet Circuit Continuation of Service

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$1,374.74 - Monthly

\$16,496.88 - Total Annual Cost

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 

- (X) Annual
- () Capital
- () N/A
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: AT&T Switched Ethernet Circuit Continuation of Service

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This ASE circuit is the Ethernet circuit that runs from the 911 Center to the main radio tower site on Stewart Street. We bring this before you today to request permission to sign another agreement to keep the pricing at our current rate for the next 36 months. The current price is \$1,374.74 per month for a total annual cost of \$16,496.88.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Continuation of Service at the current price.

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

**DEPARTMENT**: E911

**DEPARTMENT HEAD: Danny Weeks** 

SUBJECT: GDOT Safety Action Program Loch Laurel Road Project

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022 Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A FUNDING SOURCE:

- () Annual
- () Capital
- (x) N/A
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GDOT Safety Action Program Loch Laurel Road Project

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Traffic Management Center Office of Traffic Operations has identified Loch Laurel Road for a possible 2024 Off System Safety Project. The project will be 100% Federally Funded and the plans will be prepared and led by GDOT. The project will begin at SR 31 and end at SR 376. The project includes audible centerline striping and audible edgeline striping. Lowndes County already has audible edgeline striping, so new edgeline striping will be substituted for that item. The County will be responsible for clipping the shoulders ahead of the striping crew. If Lowndes County is interested in participating in this 100% Federally Funded project, the Roadway Project Summary report along with a cover letter signed by the Chairman accepting the project will need to be turned into GDOT by February 4, 2022.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the chairman to sign the cover letter accepting the project.

2. Redirect

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Engineering <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Chad McLeod

# Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

Bill Slaughter. Chairman



Joyce E. Evans, District 1 Scott Orenstein, District 2 Mark Wisenbaker, District 3 Demarcus Marshall. Ph.D. District 4 Clay Griner. District 5

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January 26, 2022

Mr. Shannon Bradford Georgia DOT 710 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Tifton, GA 31794

Re: 2024 Off System Safety Project

Mr. Bradford,

We received your email regarding the 2024 Off System Safety Project for Loch Laurel Road. The project is for placing audible edge line and audible center line striping on 6.43 miles of Loch Laurel Road from SR 376 to SR 31. Lowndes County had a project in 2016 that consisted of widening, resurfacing and the installation of ground in rumble strips so the edge line audible striping would not be necessary. However, instead of the audible edge line striping, we would like to substitute new edge line striping for the audible striping. We understand that this project is 100% federally funded and will be let by GDOT and the only responsibility Lowndes County will have in the project is to clip the shoulders ahead of the striping crew. If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Slaughter Chairman

# SAFETY ACTION PROJECT ROAD INFORMATION COUNTY: LOWNDES

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|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Loch Laurel Rd | County Road<br>Name          |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 783            | County Road<br>Number        |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SR 376         | From:                        |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SR 31          | То:                          |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ×              | Audible<br>Centerline Stripe |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ×              | Audible Edge<br>Line Stripe  |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                | Speed Limit (mph)            |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20/24          | Total Pavement<br>Width      |
|  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 80             | Total Right-of-Way<br>Width  |
|  |  |  | - | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6.43           | Total Length (miles)         |
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|      | Application  |                                 |
|------|--|---------------------------------|
| DATE | OF MEETING: January 25, 2022                                       | Work Session/Regular<br>Session |
|      | SET IMPACT: \$1,653,413.31 (100% reimbursed by grant) DING SOURCE: |                                 |
| ( )  | Annual   |                                 |
| ( )  | Capital  |                                 |
| (X)  | FEMA Funding: \$1,653,413.31                                       |                                 |
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FEMA Grant- SAFER (Staffing For Adequate and Emergency Response)

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County Fire Rescue is requesting approval to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for nine (9) firefighters. The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist with increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards, to attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

This grant is very competitive, with priority given to those departments that utilize backfill to meet NFPA 1710 standard. This grant requires no matching funds, however, it provides funding for salary and fringe benefits only. The cost of other items such as, entry physical, uniforms, safety equipment, etc. would be the responsibility of Lowndes County. The total for the grant will be \$1,653,413.31.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to submit FY 2023 SAFER Grant application for nine full time firefighter positions

2. Board's Pleasure

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Lowndes County Fire Rescue <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Lloyd Green

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| Tax Exemption                     |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022 | Work Session/Regular Session |
| BUDGET IMPACT:<br>FUNDING SOURCE: |                              |
| ( ) Annual                        |                              |
| ( ) Capital                       |                              |
| (X) N/A                           |                              |
| ( ) SPLOST                        |                              |
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority Sales Tax Exemption

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: When the legislation to create the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority (VLPRA) was created, the Authority was not designated as tax exempt. Currently, VLPRA has submitted a request for local legislation to Lowndes County's legislative delegation that would assign tax exempt status to the Authority. Representative John Corbett has requested the attached resolution as a part of moving the Authority's request forward this session.

OPTIONS: 1.Adopt the Resolution

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure** 

**DEPARTMENT**: County Manager

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Paige Dukes

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority (the "Authority") was created by local Act of the Georgia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is currently not exempt from sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has proposed the General Assembly make the Authority exempt from sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's being exempt from sales tax would be in the interest of the citizens of Lowndes County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County does hereby resolve that it does not oppose the Georgia General Assembly's making the Authority exempt from sales tax.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 25th day of January, 2022.

Attest:

| By: | Bill Slaughter, Chairman |
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Belinda C. Lovern, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWNDES COUNTY

| SUBJE  | CT: Property Purchase – Building Valdosta, LLC |                              |  |
|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| DATE   | OF MEETING: January 25, 2022                   | Work Session/Regular Session |  |
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| BUDG   | ET IMPACT: \$568,971.00                        |                              |  |
| FUNC   | DING SOURCE:                                   |                              |  |
| ( )  | Annual   |                              |  |
| ( )  | Capital  |                              |  |
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| COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Property Purchase – Building Valdosta, LLC |  |                              |  |

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: At the direction of the Commission, staff has worked with the County Attorney to prepare a purchase agreement that will provide for Lowndes County to purchase 41.543 acres of property on Highway 122 inclusive of development costs incurred by the current owners and as reflected in the agreement, for the purpose of protecting Moody Air Force Base from encroachment.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve

2. Board's Pleasure

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure** 

**DEPARTMENT**: County Manager

**DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes**