

**PROBATION SERVICES AGREEMENT  
FOR STATE COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY**

This Agreement is made by and between the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County and John K. Edwards, Jr., Chief Judge of the State Court of Lowndes County, pursuant to OCGA § 42-8-101, effective July 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, OCGA § 42-8-101 provides upon the request of the chief judge of any court within a county and with the express written consent of such judge, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized to establish a county probation system to provide probation supervision, counseling, collection services, and other probation services for persons convicted in such court and placed on probation in such county;

WHEREAS, OCGA § 42-8-107 establishes uniform contract standards which shall apply to all counties that enter into agreements to provide probation services under the authority of OCGA § 42-8-101;

WHEREAS, OCGA § 42-8-106.1 provides the Board of Community Supervision shall have the power and duty to promulgate rules and regulations to implement uniform contract standards for the establishment of probation services by a county established in OCGA § 42-8-107;

WHEREAS, the Board of Community Supervision has promulgated rules and regulations for misdemeanor probation services (“Rules” and “Rule”, as applicable);

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the governing authority of Lowndes County;

WHEREAS, John K. Edwards, Jr. (“Judge Edwards”) is the Chief Judge of the State Court of Lowndes County (“State Court”);

WHEREAS, Judge Edwards has requested and provided express written consent to the Board of Commissioners to establish a county probation system to provide probation supervision, counseling, collection services, and other probation services for persons convicted in State Court and placed on probation in Lowndes County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners and Judge Edwards agree as follows.