

FOR CONSIDERATION

Acceptance of the VAWA Continuation Grant Award for 2025

Chairman Bill Slaughter presented the item. Chairman Slaughter stated the commission heard from the Solicitor General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes at the work session. No further discussion took place. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to accept the grant award and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FY2026 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated this is the 12th year that Lowndes County has applied for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant. This grant funds the Functional Family Therapy, which is utilized by the Juvenile Court as a diversion program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Slaughter to sign the application documents, including a Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence-Based Associates, and for staff to submit the completed application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Emergency Purchase - Naylor Tower Top Amp Replacement

911 Director, Tonya Davis, presented the item. Mrs. Davis stated on March 15, 2025, during a thunderstorm, the tower top amp at the Naylor Public Safety Radio System Tower Site was struck by lightning and damaged, causing interruptions in communications. The total amount for the equipment and installation is \$36,776.00. Commissioner Smith asked how quickly this could be repaired. Mrs. Davis responded that in previous years, it was less than two weeks. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$36,776.00, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

2025 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Resurfacing Bids (Project #: ENG 2025-01)

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the 2025 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) application was approved by the Commission on January 14, 2025. The grant was approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation, Lowndes County received the grant funds, and staff advertised the project for bids. Bids were opened on April 15, 2025, and staff received two bids. Reames and Son Construction in the amount of 1,478,673.94 and the Scruggs Company in the amount of \$1,645,355.87. The LMIG grant will pay for \$1,366,958.46 with the remainder being paid for by SPLOST VIII as part of the grant match. Commissioner Smith asked if this is the LMIG for the year, Mr. McLeod responded yes. County Manager, Paige Dukes added the LMIG match is a set percentage that the county can forecast. In SPLOST VIII, the county went ahead and forecast that for every year we would have to make a match, and you will see this again next year with another list of projects with the same funding source; it does come out of SPLOST. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve Reames and Son Construction as the low bidder in the amount of \$1,478,673.94, second by Vice Chairperson Evans and Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.