

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AMENDED AGENDA
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018, 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- January 8, 2018
- b. Regular Session- January 9, 2018

5. **For Consideration**

- a. Abandonment Of A Portion Of Bradford Road N.

Board's Pleasure

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BRADFORD RD. N..PDF](#)

- b. Special Assessment Rate For 2018

Approval of the Special Assessment Rate

Documents:

[SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2018.PDF](#)

- c. Beer & Wine License - Narayanbhai Chaudhary Of Khodiar 89 Corporation DBA JK Food Mart - 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA

Board's Pleasure

Documents:

[BEER AND WINE LICENSE- NARAYANBHAI CHAUDHARY OF KHODIYAR 89 CORBORATION DBA JK FOOD MART.PDF](#)

- d. Community And Economic Development Strategy

Approval of agreement

Documents:

[COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.PDF](#)

- e. Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Georgia

Approval of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia

Documents:

[STOP LOSS INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHEILD OF GEORGIA.PDF](#)

- f. Resolution Supporting HR 158 To Stop Diversion Of State Fees

Approval of resolution

Documents:

[RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HR 158 TO STOP DIVERSION OF STATE FEES.PDF](#)

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

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of a Portion of Bradford Rd. N.

Regular Meeting (X)

Work Session (X)

DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

Recommendation ()

Policy/Discussion ()

BUDGET IMPACT \$ 0

Report ()

FUNDING SOURCE

Other ()

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of a portion of Bradford Rd. N.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The County has received a request to abandon the right of way portion of Bradford Road N., lying between the east right of way of Boys Ranch Road and where it intersects with the open right of way of Bradford Road N., the length being approximately .63 miles long and also depicted on the attached drawing. On March 17, 1987, the Commissioners realigned Bradford Road N. and closed the subject section but it was never officially abandoned. Georgia statute requires an initial determination that the "section of the county road system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest." If the Board makes either or both of these determinations with respect to the above-referenced portion of Bradford Road S., the statute provides for notice to adjoining property owners, notice to the public by newspaper publication, and a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Board "may declare that section of the county road system abandoned."

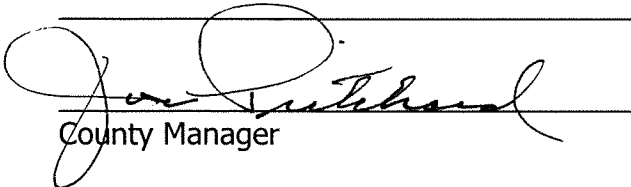
OPTIONS: 1. Make one or both of the required determinations.
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure.

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

Department Head: Michael B. Fletcher
County Engineer

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Special Assessment Rate for 2018
DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

BUDGET IMPACT \$
FUNDING SOURCE
 () Annual
 () Capital
 (x) N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Special Assessment Rate for 2018

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 during the initial 90-day phase. Unpaid assessments revert to an installment agreement which is 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 a foundation for their loan products. The current prime rate is 4.50%; therefore, the rate for special assessments should be set at 6.50% for 2018. The rate was set at 5.75% for 2017.

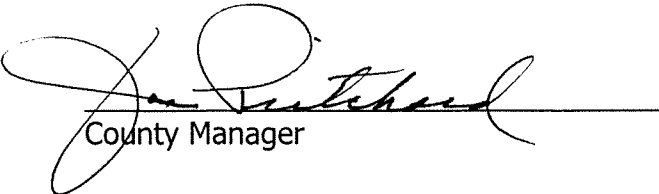
OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Special Assessment Rate at 6.50% for 2018
 2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1. Approval of the Special Assessment Rate

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Beer and Wine License – Narayanbhai Chaudhary of Khodiyar 89 Corporation DBA JK Food Mart – 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA

DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

BUDGET IMPACT \$

FUNDING SOURCE

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Beer and Wine License – Narayanbhai Chaudhary of Khodiyar 89 Corporation DBA JK Food Mart - 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, GA

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Narayanbhai Chaudhary of Khodiyar 89 Corporation DBA JK Food Mart, located at 3663 New Statenville Hwy., Valdosta, Georgia, is requesting a license for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premises. This is due to a change in ownership. The ordinances and guidelines for approval of the license have been met. All forms are attached and upon approval by the Board the license will be granted.

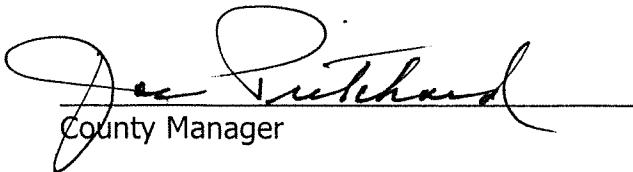
- OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Beer and Wine License
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 2. Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Community and Economic Development Strategy
DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

BUDGET IMPACT \$25,000

FUNDING SOURCE

- () Annual
- () Capital
- (x) Special Services Fund

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Memorandum of Agreement to Fund Strategy

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

The Board of Commissioners has been asked to be a party to the attached Memorandum of Agreement to Fund Community and Economic Development Strategy.

If the Memorandum of Agreement is approved and executed by the Board of Commissioners and the other parties to the Memorandum of Agreement, the County would contribute \$25,000 to fund the described community and economic development strategy.

OPTIONS:

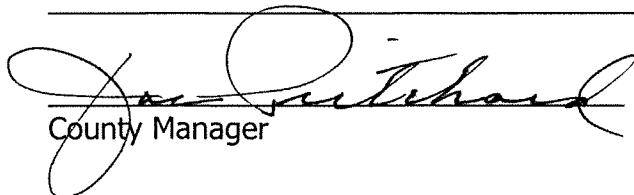
1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Memorandum of Agreement as presented
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

Department Head: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia

DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

Work Session (X)
Regular Session (X)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

BUDGET IMPACT: \$ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

(X) Annual
() Capital
() N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approve Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County Health Benefit Plan is a self-funded program that is administered through Allied Benefits (Third Party Administrator) using the Blue Cross Blue Shield Network of Georgia. Stop loss insurance is a form of excess risk coverage that provides protection for Lowndes County against a high claim on any one individual.

EPIC represents Lowndes County as our Health Insurance Broker. Each year EPIC markets the county's stop-loss insurance coverage in an effort to capture the best available rates for the employee health benefit plan. HM Insurance Group carried the County's stop loss coverage during 2017, however, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia is currently offering Lowndes County with the lowest available rates for the upcoming 2018 plan year.

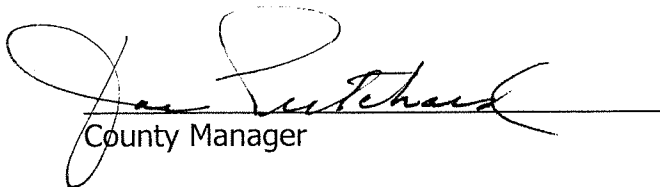
OPTIONS: 1. Approve the Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kevin L. Beals

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting HR 158 to Stop Diversion of State Fees

DATE OF MEETING: January 23, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT \$ 0

FUNDING SOURCE

Annual

Capital

N/A

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Recommendation

Policy/Discussion

Report

Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Resolution Supporting HR 158 to Stop Diversion of State Fees

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Historically, funds collected by the state for the purpose of supporting local programs and services have been re-allocated by the General Assembly. House Resolution 158 supports funds remaining available for the purpose they were collected for.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve resolution supporting HR 158 to stop diversion of state fees.

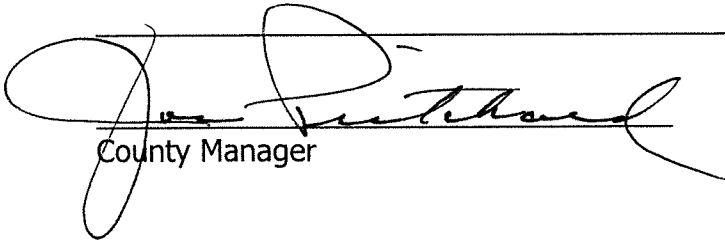
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure.

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

Department Head: Joe Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____