

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROPOSED AGENDA
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019, 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- April 22, 2019
- b. Regular Session- April 23, 2019

5. **Appointments**

- a. Hospital Authority Of Valdosta And Lowndes County

Documents:

[HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF VALDOSTA AND LOWNDES COUNTY.PDF](#)

- b. Valdosta - Lowndes County Airport Authority

Documents:

[VALDOSTA- LOWNDES COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

6. **Public Hearing**

- a. REZ-2019-06 Glenn Gregory, Stallings Road, E-A To R-A And R-1, Well/Septic, 11.111 Acres

Documents:

[REZ-2019-06 GLENN GREGORY- STALLINGS ROAD E-A TO R-A AND R-1 WELL-SEPTIC.PDF](#)

- b. REZ-2019-07 Lake Park CFA, Lakes Blvd. C-H & R-10 To C-H, Water/Sewer, 2.68 Acres

Documents:

[REZ-2019-07 LAKE PARK CFA LAKES BLVD C-H AND R-10 TO C-H WATER-SEWER.PDF](#)

- c. TWR-2019-01 Value Concepts, Inc., US Hwy 84 E. E-A, New 300'

Telecommunications Tower

Documents:

[TWR-2019-01 VALUE CONCEPTS INC. TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER.PDF](#)

7. For Consideration

a. Purchase Of Computer Server Blades And Software

Documents:

[PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SERVER BLADES AND SOFTWARE.PDF](#)

b. Backup Appliance

Documents:

[BACKUP APPLIANCE.PDF](#)

c. Professional Services For Coleman Road Lift Station Force Main Replacement

Documents:

[PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COLEMAN ROAD LIFT STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT.PDF](#)

d. Professional Engineering And Surveying Services For TIA Projects

Documents:

[PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR TIA PROJECTS.PDF](#)

e. Georgia Department Of Transportation - TIA Project Agreement - Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving And Drainage Improvements

Documents:

[GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TIA PROJECT AGREEMENT - HIGHTOWER ROAD-COOPER ROAD NE PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.PDF](#)

f. Amendment To The Lowndes County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Documents:

[AMENDMENT TO LOWNDES COUNTY FIRE RESCUE STANDARD.PDF](#)

g. 2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request For Proposals (RFP)

Documents:

[2020 JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.PDF](#)

8. **Bid**

a. Bid For Two New-Year Model Commercial Rotary Brush Mowers

Documents:

[BID FOR TWO NEW-YEAR MODEL COMMERCIAL ROTARY BRUSH MOWERS.PDF](#)

9. **Reports - County Manager**

10. **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name And Address**

11. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing or reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The term of Dr. Mary Richardson on the Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County will expire on June 1, 2019. Ms. Shirley Garland, Mrs. Elsie Napier, and Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson's names have all been submitted for appointment.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/ reappoint a member
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Valdosta- Lowndes County Airport Authority

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing a member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Mr. Anthony Payton's term on the Valdosta- Lowndes County Airport Authority will expire on May 21, 2019. Mr Payton has expressed interest in being reappointed.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/reappoint a member.
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2019-06 Glenn Gregory, Stallings Road, E-A to R-A and R-1,
Well/Septic, ~ 11.111 acres

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2019-06 Glenn Gregory, Stallings Road, E-A to R-A and R-1,
Well/Septic, ~ 11.111 acres

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This request represents a change in zoning of approximately 11.111 acres, from E-A (Estate Agricultural) zoning to R-A (Residential Agricultural) and R-1 (Low Density Residential) zonings. The motivation behind this request is two-fold: to rezone 5.988 acres (0148-066 & 066A) from E-A to R-A in order to create ULDC conforming parcels, originally created via a Family Ties Division; and to rezone 5.123 acres (0148-066) from E-A to R-1 in order to subdivide the southwest portion into 3 lots. Access to and from the subject property is off Stallings Road, a minor collector. Stallings Road is a County maintained minor collector road. Concerning the Comprehensive Plan Future Development Map, the subject property is within the Urban Service Area and depicted as in a Suburban Area. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance both R-A and R-1 zonings are listed as a permitted zoning districts within a Suburban Character Area.

In addition to the above information, the following factors should also be considered: 1) the adjacent R-A zoning to the north, west and east of the northern portion request, 2) and the R-1 zoning to the west of the southern portion request.

The GLPC heard this request at their April regular meeting and recommended for its approval by a 10-0 vote. For reference, the applicant was present to answer any questions and no one spoke against the request at the public hearing.

The TRC considered this request and had no objectionable comments.

Staff found the request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Approve with Condition(s)
3. Table
4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Planning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Molly Stevenson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

GLPC Recommendation: Option #1 - Approve

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2019-07 Lake Park CFA, Lakes Blvd. C-H & R-10 to C-H,
Water/Sewer, ~2.68 acres

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GLPC Recommendation: Option #1 - Approve

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This request represents a change in zoning of approximately .422 acres of a 2.68 acres property, from R-10 (Suburban Density Residential) zoning to C-H (Highway Commercial) zoning. The motivation behind this request is to redevelop a portion of an existing motel and a closed restaurant and for consistency in the zoning within the parcels. Access to and from the subject property is off SR 376 (Lakes Blvd.), a major collector road. Concerning the Comprehensive Plan Future Development Map, the subject property is within the Urban Service Area and depicted as in a Regional Activity Center. Per Comprehensive Plan guidance, C-H zoning is listed as a permitted zoning district within a Regional Activity Center Character Area.

In addition to the above information the following factors should also be considered: 1) the adjacent C-H zoning, 2) the frontage on a major collector road, 3) the subject property's service by County water and sewer, 4) and the desire for future development to focus on redevelopment opportunities and development in urban areas as stated in Section 5 of the Comprehensive Plan.

The GLPC heard this request at their April regular meeting and recommended for its approval by a 10-0 vote. For reference, the applicant's agent was present to answer any questions and no one spoke against the request at the public hearing.

The TRC considered this request and had no objectionable comments.

Staff found the request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- OPTIONS:
1. Approve
 2. Approve with conditions
 3. Table
 4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Planning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Molly Stevenson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

GLPC Recommendation: Option #1 - Approve

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TWR-2019-01 Value Concepts, Inc., US Hwy 84 E. E-A, New 300'
Telecommunications Tower

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON:

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This case represents an attempt by the applicant to construct a new ~300' telecommunications tower. The location of the proposed tower is a 100'x100' lease area that is accessed by a 30' easement from US Hwy 84 E. The subject property is currently zoned Estate Agriculture (E-A) and is allowed to be used for the construction of a new telecommunications tower with GLPC review and LCBOC approval. For further reference, where towers are allowed per the various zoning districts, new towers require LCBOC approval while collocation on existing towers require only administrative approval. Additionally, if the proposed tower is determined to likely interfere with the use of aircraft traffic operations around the Valdosta Regional Airport (VLD) or Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) the application can be required to receive a letter of clearance from the aforementioned bodies. In this case, because of the tower's height, communications regarding this case have taken place with MAFB and the Valdosta Airport Authority. The Valdosta Airport Authority concluded that the location and height should not affect the airport. Moody Air Force Base, as of this submittal has not rendered an opinion, nor has a determination from the FAA been made.

The primary motivation for a new tower at the subject property is a gap in the existing coverage area. The subject property is in the Rural Service Area and depicted as Agricultural/Forestry on the Future Development Map. While the character areas comment generally on the preservation of rural areas, Goal 10 of the Comprehensive Plan cites the support of technological infrastructure. The conflict between preservation and upgrading the technological infrastructure yields a potential hurdle in the interruption of the rural skyline.

Concerning the rural skyline, as long as the burden of proof for a new tower has been satisfied, Staff believes that the justification for the infrastructure outweighs the rural skyline concern.

At the regular April meeting of the GLPC, 2 representatives of the applicant spoke in favor of the request stating that the benefits of additional coverage and dependence on this coverage for safety are the motivation behind the request. A representative from MAFB spoke in opposition of the request stating that the proposed site is within a

helicopter flight path. After considerable discussion, the GLPC voted on an 8-2 vote (opposed by Commissioners Ball and Hightower) to Table the request until the May regular meeting of the GLPC. Staff has found this request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the TRC had no objectionable comments regarding this request.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Approve with conditions
3. Table
4. Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Planning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Molly Stevenson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

GLPC Action: Table

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Purchase of Computer Server Blades and Software

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: \$120,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Purchase of Computer Server Blades and Software

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Presented is the request to purchase four Cisco UCS blades/servers, associated VMWare software and operating systems to replace four existing blades that will reach end of life and support in 2019. The end-of-life servers host many of the county's telephony, financial, judicial and email applications. There is 7% added for contingency.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: ITS

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Aaron Kostyu

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Backup Appliance

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: \$89,500.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Backup Appliance

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The request is for a Barracuda Backup Appliance that will reside at South Lowndes Data Center. The unit will provide backups for all data from the North Lowndes Data Center. The current backup appliance is at the end of life and has reached the end of support.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: ITS

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Aaron Kostyu

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Professional Services for Coleman Road Lift Station Force Main
Replacement

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

() N/A

(x) SPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Professional Services for Coleman Road Lift Station Force Main
Replacement.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County received a Proposal from Lovell Engineering for the engineering and construction plan preparation for Coleman Road lift station force main replacement. Coleman Road force main has experienced repeated failures and is in need of replacement. Coleman Road force main is the beginning of the main trunk line that transports waste water from the north Lowndes region to the LAS. Costs will be 9% of construction.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the proposal and authorize Chairman to sign
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Steve Stalvey

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Professional Engineering and Surveying Services for TIA Projects

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

() N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Accept proposed fee schedule and authorize staff to hire local engineering firms.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County Engineering staff has met with the local Engineering firms to discuss requirements and qualifications for professional Engineering and Surveying services for upcoming projects under the Transportation Improvement Act (TIA). Engineering Staff has developed a fee schedule for these projects. Engineering Staff along with the County Manager will analyze each project and distribute the project to local firms as deemed fit. Not all projects will require all four elements of the fee schedule. Listed below is the proposed fee schedule:

Engineering - 4%

Surveying - 2%

R/W Deeds - 1%

Environmental - 2 %

OPTIONS: 1. Accept proposed fee schedule and authorize staff to hire local engineering firms.
2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Georgia Department of Transportation - TIA Project Agreement
- Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving and Drainage Improvements

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: TIA Project Agreement - Hightower Road/Cooper Road NE Paving and Drainage Improvements

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the TIA Local Government Application for the Lowndes County Hightower Rd./Cooper Rd. NE Paving and Drainage project. This agenda item is to authorize the Chairman through the resolution to execute the Local Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Lowndes County.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize Chairman to sign the resolution
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Amendment to Lowndes County Fire Rescue Standard
Operating Procedures (SOP)

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: None

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: updated medical protocols as an amendment to the Lowndes County Fire Rescue Standard Operating Procedures.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In 2012, the Board of Commissioners adopted a revised set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Lowndes County Fire Rescue. Included within those SOPs were protocols outlining the procedures for personnel operating on medical calls. These protocols were developed in conjunction with South GA Medical Center EMS personnel and approved by the Medical Director in place at that time. In April 2019, Lowndes County Fire Rescue, along with each of the municipal fire departments and Echols County Fire Department, came under the medical direction of a new Medical Director. This change was a result of EMS changing Medical Directors. In order to maintain consistency with protocols, and eliminate the need for the local fire departments to find and pay for their own Medical Director, SGMC agreed to include services for the Fire Department in their contract for their Medical Director. As a result of this change each of the local fire departments also developed updated medical protocols.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve amendment to Lowndes County Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures
 2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County Fire Rescue

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT: \$461,831.04

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) CJCC Funding (100%)

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2020 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County has been administering funding and programs provided through the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Programs since FY 2013.

The CJCC has recently announced the availability for funding for the Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Cycle. This current funding opportunity allows applicants that were previously awarded funding to submit a proposal for continuation of their current programs. In FY 2019, Lowndes County utilized grant funding for both Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Thinking for A Change (T4C).

The Lowndes County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to serve 80 youth and families in the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program and 12 youth and families in the Thinking for A Change (T4C) program. FFT helps troubled youth and their families to overcome delinquency, substance abuse, and violence. It is a treatment strategy that is built on a foundation of respect of individuals, families and cultures that includes effective treatment strategies that pave the way for motivating individuals and families to become more adaptive and successful in their functioning. T4C is an integrated cognitive behavioral change program that incorporates research from cognitive restructuring theory, social skills development, and the learning and use of problem solving skills.

Included as part of the application is an updated Memorandum of Understanding with Evidence Based Associates as the service provider for implementation of services and reporting requirements.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize Chairman to sign the MOU and staff to submit grant application.
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: Bid for Two New-Year Model Commercial Rotary Brush Mowers

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2019

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

() N/A

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Bids for Two New-Year Model Commercial Rotary Brush Mowers

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County requested bids for two (2) new-year model commercial rotary brush mowers. These mowers will be used by Public Works for mowing the I-75 exit ramps. This mowing is currently completed through a vendor contract. Bids were received from two vendors who met the specifications. Public Works staff tested both mowers and found that the low bidder's performance did not meet our needs (machine rutted the grass and shut down on slope). Bids received were as follows:

Ag Pro - Valdosta, GA - 2019 Slope-Pro High Drive - \$39,985.00each

Reynold's Warren - Lake City, GA - 2019 Ridge Runner - \$45,000.00each

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the bid for Reynold's Warren.

2. Board's pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: