

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m.  
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020, 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 - October 12, 2020 & Regular Session - October 13, 2020

5. **Appointments**

- a. Public Facilities Authority

Documents:

[PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

6. **Public Hearing**

- a. Abandonment Of Artherman Lane

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF ARTHERMAN LANE -.PDF](#)

7. **For Consideration**

- a. Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

Documents:

[SOLICITOR-GENERAL VOCA CONTINUATION GRANT.PDF](#)

- b. Solicitor-General's Office 2021 VAWA Competitive Application

Documents:

[SOLICITOR-GENERAL OFFICE 2021 VAWA COMPETITIVE APPLICATION.PDF](#)

- c. Adoption Of The 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

Documents:

d. Approval Of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal

Documents:

[APPROVAL OF DA FEDERAL VOCA GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL - .PDF](#)

8. **Bid**

a. Stone Creek Elevated Tank Coating

Documents:

[STONE CREEK ELEVATED TANK COATING.PDF](#)

b. Bid For Four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks For The Public Works Department

Documents:

[BID FOR FOUR 10-WHEEL DUMP TRUCKS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.PDF](#)

9. **Reports - County Manager**

a. Georgia Forestry Presentation (Work Session)

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

11. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Public Facilities Authority

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Annual

( ) Capital

(X) N/A

( ) SPLOST

( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/reappointing members

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The terms of Michael Walker, Crawford Powell, and Scott Purvis have expired. They have all expressed an interest in being reappointed to the Public Facilities Authority. There is also one vacant seat that needs to be filled.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of Artherman Road

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Annual

( ) Capital

(X) N/A

( ) SPLOST

( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Public Use on a County Road

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On October 13th, 2020, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners determined Artherman Road, lying North of Porter Road to its dead end, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. As required by Georgia statute, each adjoining property owner was notified by certified mail of the intent and public hearing. The public hearing was also advertised in the Valdosta Daily Times.

OPTIONS: 1. Abandon Artherman Road.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mike Fletcher

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$6,000

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Cash
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2020-2021 Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has received VOCA funds since April 01, 2014. This grant allows the Solicitor-General's Office to continue to provide services to victims earlier in the criminal justice process, essentially prior to the defendant's first appearance as well as help victims secure restitution through GA Crime Victims Compensation Fund Program. The match will continue to be satisfied 100% In-kind through the use of Volunteer/Intern hours has been waived this year. The county's health insurance premiums increased last year from \$8,000 to \$11,000 per employee. There is a \$6,000 cost of the county to cover the increase in health insurance premiums which applies to two Victim Advocates fully funded by the grant (\$3,000 per employee). Submission of this grant renewal is due by November 13, 2020 to Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC). The SG's office requests the board's approval for the VOCA continuation grant.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve 2020-2021 Solicitor-General's VOCA Continuation Grant  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Solicitor-General's Office 2021 VAWA Competitive Application

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$17,326.00 Cash Match

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- Cash
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Solicitor-General's Office 2021 VAWA Competitive Grant

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In April 2018 the Solicitor-General's office was awarded the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) grant to hire a new Assistant Solicitor-General in the specialized field of Family Violence and Violence Against Women Crimes. The continuation grants were approved in 2019 and 2020 and it is now time to apply for a new competitive VAWA Grant. The grant award period would be January 01-December 31, 2021. This grant would also be a 4 year grant with continuation funding needing to be approved on a yearly basis. The total amount needed from Lowndes County is \$17,326.00, in the form of a Cash Match. This Cash Match amount we are asking for in this Competitive Grant is significantly lower than the previous amount of \$19,167.00. Submission of this VAWA Competitive Grant Application is due by November 02, 2020. The SG's office requests the Board's approval to submit the VAWA Competitive Grant Application.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve Solicitor-General's 2021 VAWA Competitive Grant Application  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Annual

( ) Capital

(X) N/A

( ) SPLOST

( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Attached for your review is the proposed budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Preparations will begin soon and packages will be ready to send out by the end of November. The calendar is a guideline for the process and milestones leading up to the final adoption of the budget which must be done prior to June 30.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on the County

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: VOCA Funded VWAP Continuation Grant

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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 November 13, 2020. 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 Continuation Grant. (Sample Letters Attached).

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve VOCA Grant Application of the District Attorney  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: District Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bradfield M. Shealy

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Stone Creek Elevated Tank Coating

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: \$148,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Stone Creek Elevated Tank Coating

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The elevated water tank at Stone Creek is scheduled for maintenance. This includes coating the wet and dry interior and the exterior of the tank. Bids were received from five contractors, and ranged from \$148,000.00 - \$215,115.00. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Southeastern Tank & Tower, Inc. for \$148,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.

OPTIONS: Approve  
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: Bid for Four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks for the Public Works  
Department

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: SPLOST VII - \$464,196.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Bid for Four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks for the Public Works Department

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County solicited bids for the Public Works Department to purchase four 10-wheel dump trucks. These vehicles will replace older, high mileage vehicles in the fleet with high maintenance costs. The County received one bid that met specifications.

2021 Peterbilt 348 4@\$116,049.00 = \$464,196.00 Beck Motors - Albany, GA

OPTIONS: 1. Award the bid to Beck Motors for Four 10-Wheel Dump Trucks at \$464,196.00  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: