

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2020 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: January 28, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT: No Budget Impact

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of 2020 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In 2016, Lowndes County entered into a statewide mutual aid agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and each of the other 158 counties in Georgia. This previous agreement was to remain in effect for a 4 year period and expires on March 1, 2020. GEMA has provided an updated mutual aid agreement with similar terms. This agreement serves as the formal framework which allows Lowndes County to provide assistance to other local governments when requested. Since it is a reciprocal agreement it also provides Lowndes County with the mechanism to request assistance in the case of a situation that overwhelms local resources or requires resources that the County does not otherwise have available. It also establishes GEMA as the State's coordinating entity for mutual aid resources. Just as with the previous agreement, this agreement includes two attachments for the purpose of designating officials that are authorized to request outside resources on behalf of the county as well as identifying those individuals authorized to make purchases or obligate the county to provide reimbursement for resources requested.

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve the agreement including the list of designated officials and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.
2. Board's pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: