

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution to Adopt Updated Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan

DATE OF MEETING: December 14, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: None

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Updated Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In 2005, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners adopted the Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, which was officially approved by both The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in February 2006. In accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, this plan must be updated every five (5) years. The first required update of the plan was approved in February 2012 and it was updated again in February 2017 in accordance with the Act. In January 2020, Lowndes County was awarded grant funding to assist with the costs of hiring a contractor to facilitate the next regularly scheduled plan update. Lowndes County subsequently contracted with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, who worked with Lowndes County to perform the 2017 update, to complete the update process. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission, in conjunction with Lowndes County Emergency Management, coordinated the process which involved representatives from County and City departments as well as other nongovernmental stakeholders to develop the Lowndes County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. As part of the process, two separate public meetings were held to solicit input from the general public and a draft version of the plan was submitted to GEMA for preliminary approval and then on to FEMA for final approval. Upon adoption of the resolution by the Board of Commissioners, the plan will be formally adopted and Lowndes County will remain eligible for future mitigation grant funding and disaster assistance.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the resolution to adopt the updated Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: