

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROPOSED AGENDA
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 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 23, 2023 & Regular Session - October 24, 2023

5. **Appointment**

- a. Valdosta - Lowndes County Development Authority (Joint Appointment)

Documents:

[VALDOSTA - LOWNDES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY JOINT APPOINTMENT.PDF](#)

6. **For Consideration**

- a. Approval Of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application For 2024

Documents:

[APPROVAL OF SOLICITOR GENERAL VAWA COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024.PDF](#)

- b. Cross Connection Control Plan

Documents:

[CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PLAN.PDF](#)

- c. A New Addition To The Lowndes County Jail Construction

Documents:

[A NEW ADDITION TO THE LOWNDES COUNTY JAIL CONSTRUCTION.PDF](#)

- d. Code Red Service Agreement Renewal

Documents:

7. **Bid**

a. Lowndes County 911 Bids

Documents:

[LOWNDES COUNTY 911 BIDS.PDF](#)

8. **Reports - County Manager**

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

10. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Valdosta - Lowndes County Development Authority (Joint Appointment)

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Recommendation

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/Reappointing a Member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Mr. John Crawford's term on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority will expire January 1, 2024. Mr. Crawford has expressed a desire to be reappointed. This is a joint appointment by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and the Valdosta City Council. After the Commission votes on the reappointment of Mr. Crawford, the City Council will be notified of the decision.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/Reappoint a Member.
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: Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$25,669.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has received the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant since 2018. This grant funds budgeted costs associated with a specialized prosecutor to handle Family Violence and Violence Against Women Crimes. The CJCC is seeking competitive applications for funding under the VAWA Grant Program. The initial award period is January 01, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Awarded agencies will be eligible annually for continued funding at the amount awarded through December 31, 2026 and would have to apply annually through continuation grants. We will be submitting a budget request to include an increase in salary and benefits, as well as necessary office supplies, training and travel, in hopes that additional funding will be awarded. If the request is approved as submitted, then Lowndes County would be responsible for providing matching funds of \$25,669, which is significantly less than the previous amount of \$36,266. It is possible for our application to be approved, but at a different amount. If that were to happen, we would then re-evaluate our budget, make the necessary adjustments and come back before the board requesting approval of the new cash match amount. At this time, the Solicitor General's Office requests the board's approval to submit the VAWA Competitive Grant Application for 2024.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Solicitor-General's FY2024 VAWA Competitive Grant Application
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Cross Connection Control Plan

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Cross Connection Control Plan.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires us to update our cross connection control plan. Staff in conjunction with Lovell Engineering Associates (LEA) has put together a cross connection plan that meets Georgia EPD criteria. Additionally, this plan will insure that our potable water is safe for consumption. Staff recommends approval of the cross connection control plan.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve
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: A New Addition to the Lowndes County Jail Construction

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: TBD

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: A New Addition to the Lowndes County Jail

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The New Addition for the Lowndes County Jail Construction Manager Selection process began in September 2023 when staff advertised the Request for Proposal's (RFP) on the project for a Construction Manager. A selection committee was formed to score the RFP's using scoresheets. The scoresheets were created using information in the RFP that each Construction Manager was to submit. Staff received two proposals and after the selection committee scored all proposals, both construction managers were selected for a presentation and interview process with the selection committee, staff, and the architect. The Construction Managers were given instructions on how and what to present and the selection committee scored each firm based on those instructions using a scoresheet based on the same instructions, plus additional information. The two Construction Managers are listed below along with their scores from the presentation and interview. The maximum number of points any one firm could obtain is 630.

Allstate Construction and Cauthan Construction - 627 points

Gideon Construction - 559 points

- OPTIONS: 1. Approve Allstate Construction and Cauthan Construction as the Construction Manager and authorize the Chairman to sign the Construction Manager Agreement.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Code Red Service Agreement Renewal

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$31,500

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual - \$31,500
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Renewal of Code Red Service Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Since 2007, Lowndes County has utilized Code Red as a mass notification system to provide the residents of Lowndes County with emergency notifications for emergency situations such as severe weather, boil water notices and other emergency situations. This service allows local officials to notify residents in an area impacted by an emergency in a short period of time and provide them with information on the nature of the emergency as well as what they should do in order to protect themselves, their family and property. In the case of severe weather, the system is capable of providing potentially life-saving warnings immediately as they are issued by the National Weather Service to alert any residents within the designated path of the storm.

Continuation of the current services provided through Code Red requires an annual renewal. Onsolve, the parent company for Code Red, has agreed to provide for renewal for an additional one-year term, under the current terms and agreements, for \$31,500.00 to cover the period beginning December 10, 2023 through December 9, 2024. This agreement shows that there is no price increase over the previous term's pricing.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the renewal agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Order Form.
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: Lowndes County 911 Bids

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$192,780.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County 911 Bids

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County 911 project is an approved SPLOST VIII project. The project includes a new storage building, renovation of four (4) offices, and resurfacing of the existing parking lot. Staff received three bids:

Chuck Smith & Son Construction, Inc. - \$192,780.00 = 135 Days

Kellerman Construction - \$217,863.00 = 120 Days

Slone Associates, Inc. - \$248,859.00 = 150 Days

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Chuck Smith & Son Construction, Inc. as the low bidder and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for \$192,780.00.
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: