

Georgia Alabama Land Trust, Inc. for \$1,800.00, per credit, with the total amount being \$51,300.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked to verify the cost? Mr. Fletcher answered \$1,800.00, per credit.

Pre-Event Debris Removal Contracts

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the request for proposal (RFP) to solicit qualified debris removal contractors. Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County has maintained pre-event contracts since 2008 and utilized the contract for the first time following Hurricane Idalia. Mr. Tye stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that all local governments maintain a pre-event contract with two-three qualified contractors in advance of a disaster. Lowndes County had a pre-bid meeting with an evaluation committee of emergency management and public works staff from Lowndes County, the City of Valdosta and the City of Hahira. Mr. Tye stated the scoring was based on price, experience, qualifications, fee schedule and the quality of the proposal. Staff recommends awarding the pre-event contracts for the debris removal to the top three companies, which are Ashbritt, DRC and Southern Disaster Recovery. Mr. Tye stated Ashbritt will be the primary company. Commissioner Evans asked the location of the vendor? Mr. Tye responded, Ashbritt is located in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Commissioner Orenstein asked regarding the contract amounts versus what we paid? Mr. Tye answered the pricing did not change from the previous contracts. Additionally, Mr. Tye stated with the pricing being established and by having these contracts approved ahead of time, the removal process could begin immediately.

Pre-Event Disaster Debris Monitoring Contracts

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County has previously entered into pre-event contracts with a qualified disaster debris monitoring contractor that works in conjunction with the disaster debris removal contractors. Additionally, Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County recently utilized the existing contract following Hurricane Idalia. Mr. Tye mentioned regarding the disaster debris monitoring contracts, those firms bring in their management staff and try to hire local people to do the monitoring after they have been trained. Mr. Tye further stated staff recommended Thompson Consulting. Chairman Slaughter stated with the proper monitoring, this verifies the debris is accounted for and also helps with the documentation submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Lowndes County Juvenile Accountability Court (LCJAC)

Case Manager, Geoffrey Martin, presented the item with Judge Tunison available in the audience. Mr. Martin stated the Lowndes County Juvenile Accountability Court (LCJAC) is funded through a reimbursable state grant. LCJAC must secure a cash match from Lowndes County. This year's cash match is \$11,183.00, with an additional amount of \$3,817.00 for a total amount of \$15,000.00. Mr. Martin stated the additional request for \$3,817.00 is for case management. Mr. Martin stated last year 19 juveniles were served with three (3) graduating. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked why the increase in cost? Mr. Martin answered to subsidize some of the money used from the emergency grant as well as inflation. Mr. Martin acknowledged their service provider, Ms. Ja'Taryia Thomas was in the audience.

Lowndes County DUI Court Grant Award and Match Approval

Lowndes County DUI Court Program Coordinator, Heather Harris, presented the item. Ms. Harris stated that the Lowndes County DUI Court has been awarded a grant by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for \$149,276.00, with a 15% match requirement by the County in the amount of \$26,343.00. The Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total \$42,404.00 for the 2024-2025 grant