#### LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED AGENDA

WORK SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, 8:30 a.m. REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, 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
  - Work Session December 9, 2024 & Regular Session December 10, 2024
- 5. Appointments
  - a. Valdosta Lowndes Development Authority

Documents:

VALDOSTA LOWNDES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -. PDF

#### 6. Public Hearing

a. Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Brian Walker Of Beezy Bee, LLC, DBA Rum Runner, 3988 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta, GA

Documents:

BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE - BRIAN WALKER OF BEEZY BEE, LLC, DBA RUM RUNNER, 3988 N. VALDOSTA RD., VALDOSTA, GA.PDF

#### 7. For Consideration

a. Budget Calendar For FY 2026 Operating Budget

Documents:

#### BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET.PDF

b. Beer And Wine License - Heather Louise Holmstrom Of Speedway, LLC, DBA Speedway Store # 42348 (1883), 2165 Old Clyattville Rd., Valdosta, GA

Documents:

#### CLYATTVILLE RD., VALDOSTA, GA.PDF

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

Documents:

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY FEDERAL VOCA GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL.PDF

d. Approval Of The Solicitor General's FY25 VOCA Grant Award

Documents:

APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL FY25 VOCA GRANT AWARD.PDF

e. Coleman Road NW Paving And Drainage Improvements, P.I.0016279 Supplemental Agreement No. 1

Documents:

COLEMAN ROAD NW PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, P.I.0016279 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1.PDF

f. Emergency Repair - Lowndes County Fire Station #5

Documents:

EMERGENCY REPAIR - LOWNDES COUNTY FIRE STATION 5.PDF

g. 2025 Georgia Department Of Transportation Local Maintenance And Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application

Documents:

2025 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION.PDF

 Lowndes County Local Bridge Replacement At Jumping Gully Road At Bevel Creek (0019937)

Documents:

LOWNDES COUNTY LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT JUMPING GULLY ROAD AT BEVEL CREEK.PDF

i. Union Road Lift Station Pump Replacement

Documents:

UNION ROAD LIFT STATION PUMP REPLACEMENT.PDF

j. GEFA Loan Modification

Documents:

GEFA LOAN MODIFICATION.PDF

k. GEFA Loan DWLSL2023097 For Lead Service Line Inventory

Documents:

GEFA LOAN DWLSL2023097 FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY.PDF

L Amendment #1 To Windstream Build Agreement

Documents:

AMENDMENT 1 TO WINDSTREAM BUILD AGREEMENT.PDF

- 8. Bid
  - a. Bid For Six Compact SUV Vehicles For Multiple Departments

Documents:

BID FOR SIX COMPACT SUV VEHICLES FOR MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS.PDF

- 9. Reports County Manager
- 10. Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name And Address
- 11. Adjournment

SUBJECT: Valdosta Low	ndes Development Authority	
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025		Work Session/Regular Session
BUDGET IMPACT:		
FUNDING SOURCE:		
( ) Annual		
( ) Capital		
(X) N/A		
( ) SPLOST		
( ) TSPLOST		
COUNTY ACTION REQU	ESTED ON: Appointing/Reapp	ointing a Member
HISTORY, FACTS AND IS	SSUES: The term of Terri Lupo	expired January 1, 2025. Ms. Lupo has expressed a desir
to continue to serve. N	Ir. Robert Green and Mr. Brice	e Evans have also expressed an interest in serving.
OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/r	eappoint a member.	

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

2. Board's Pleasure

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: County Manager <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Paige Dukes

	Work
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Session/Regular Session
BUDGET IMPACT:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
( ) N/A	
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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Brian Walker of Beezy Bee, LLC, DBA Rum Runner, located at 3988 North Valdosta Road, is requesting a license for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on premises. This is due to a change in ownership. The ordinance and guidelines for approval of the license have been met and upon approval by the Board, the license shall be granted.

OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Bee, LLC, DBA Rum Runner, 3988 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta, GA

SUBJECT: Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Brian Walker of Beezy Bee.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Finance <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Stephanie Black

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BUDGET IMPACT:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
( ) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	
( ) TSPLOST	
COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Budget Calendar for FY 2026 Opera	ating Budget

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Attached for your review is the proposed budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2026. Preparations have already begun and packages have already been sent to departments and outside agencies. The calendar is a guideline for the process and milestones leading up to the adoption of a final budget in June. The Board of Commissioners must adopt an operating budget by June 30, 2025.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Budget Calendar as presented.

SUBJECT: Budget Calendar for EV 2026 Operating Budget

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Finance DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

SUBJECT: Beer and Wine License - Heather Louise Holmstrom of Speedway, LLC, DBA Speedway Store # 42348 (1883), 2165 Old Clyattville Rd., Valdosta, GA

Work
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025

BUDGET IMPACT:
FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Beer and Wine License - Heather Louise Holmstrom of Speedway, LLC, DBA Speedway Store # 42348 (1883), 2165 Old Clyattville Rd., Valdosta, GA

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Heather Louise Holmstrom of Speedway, LLC, DBA Speedway Store #42348 (1883), located at 2165 Old Clyattville Rd., is requesting a license for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premises. This is a new establishment. The ordinance and guidelines for approval of the license have been met and upon approval by the Board, the license shall be granted.

OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Beer and Wine License

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Finance DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

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DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Work Session/Regular Session
BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on County	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
( ) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	
( ) TSPLOST	
COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Gra	ant Application

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

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, allows 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 January 31, 2025. We also request, for efficiency, that the Commission execute a letter authorizing the District Attorney to sign any and all future paperwork pertaining to this VOCA Continuation Grant. (Sample Letter Attached).

OPTIONS: 1. Approve VOCA Grant Application of the District Attorney

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: District Attorney <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Bradfield M. Shealy

SUBJECT: Approval of the Solicitor General's FY25 VOCA Grant Award

Work

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025 Session/Regular

Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$33,232.00 Cash Match

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 

(X) Annual

() Capital

() N/A

() SPLOST

() TSPLOST

#### COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of Solicitor General's FY25 VOCA Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's (SG) Office has been a recipient of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 2014. This grant is vital in sustaining the Victim Services Program as it funds two of the SG's Victim Advocates. Although we received significant cuts in funding in the past, we will not be receiving any cuts this year. The Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) has informed the SG's Office that the FY25 VOCA Award will be in the amount of \$75,020 which is the same amount as last year. The county would be required to provide a cash match of \$33,232.00, which is also the same amount as last year. The performance period for this grant runs from October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025. The SG's office requests the board's approval of the FY25 VOCA Grant Award and permission for the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to be included in the award packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Solicitor General's FY25 VOCA Grant Award

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

SUBJECT: Coleman Road NW Paving and Drainage Improvements, P.I.0016279 Supplemental Agreement No. 1

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$1,300,000.00

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Coleman Road NW Paving and Drainage Improvements Supplemental Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The original agreement dated 04/28/2022 with the Georgia Department of Transportation has a "not to exceed amount" of \$2,300,000.00, for the Coleman Road NW Paving and Drainage Improvements. Staff has asked the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) office for an additional funding request to cover the cost difference between the actual cost of the project and the agreement amount. After reviewing the initial TIA budget, bid amount, and projected tax collections for TIA, the TIA office has agreed to provide additional funds of \$1,300,000.00, to cover the total cost of the project.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

SUBJECT: Emergency Repair - Lowndes County Fire Station #5	
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Work Session/Regular
BUDGET IMPACT: \$79,380.00 FUNDING SOURCE:	Session
(X) Annual (Insurance)	
( ) Capital	
( ) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	

#### COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Emergency Repair - Lowndes County Fire Station #5

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On November 6, 2024 Lowndes County received an abnormal rain event. Due to the rain event that occured, Station #5 had a sewage backup of 3" in depth. Staff called in ServiceMaster Pro to clean the building, remove all items to include the millwork, flooring, 2' of drywall, and furniture. Staff has filed the claim with insurance and followed all procurement procedures. The insurance adjuster has been to the site for the inspection. Emergency purchases are those that are made to alleviate a situation in which there is a threat to health, welfare, or safety under certain conditions defined as an emergency by jurisdiction that does not allow time for normal, competitive purchasing procedures. For example, flooding, power outages or other natural disasters. Staff does anticipate insurance to cover the repair cost.

Staff worked with Kellerman Construction to obtain a proposal to complete the repairs at the station. Kellerman Construction proposed \$79,380.00.

Staff has issued a purchase order to Kellerman Construction for \$79,380.00. Materials have been ordered and work has started.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the purchase order and authorize Kellerman Construction for the Emergency Repair.

2. Redirect.

( ) TSPLOST

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Engineering <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Chad McLeod

SUBJECT: 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application

Work

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual

() Capital

(X) N/A

() SPLOST

() TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: 2025 LMIG Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: As a part of the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program, Lowndes County has been allocated \$1,366,958.46 for FY 2025. As a part of this grant program, Lowndes County will be responsible for a minimum 10% match in local funding, which is allocated in SPLOST VIII. The grant money is proposed to be used for resurfacing the roads listed in the attachment in the board packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the Chairman to sign the 2025 LMIG application.

2. Redirect.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve** 

DEPARTMENT: Engineering DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

SUBJECT: Lowndes County Local Bridge Replacement at Jumping
Gully Road at Bevel Creek (0019937)

Work

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025

BUDGET IMPACT: \$50,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

( ) Annual
( ) Capital
( ) N/A

(X) SPLOST
( ) TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Bridge Replacement on Jumping Gully Road at Bevel Creek (0019937)

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has identified the bridge on Jumping Gully Road at Bevel Creek as a candidate for replacement in its Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR). In the LOCBR program the department will fund preliminary engineering, utility coordination and reimbursement, construction, and a portion of the right of way phase. GDOT has designated the project as Tier 1 meaning Lowndes County would have a financial commitment of \$50,000.00. GDOT is asking for a response confirming support and the financial participation. Once GDOT receives a letter of support, a Memorandum of Agreement will be routed for approval.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve the Chairman to sign the letter as presented.

2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Engineering <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Chad McLeod

SUBJECT: Union Road Lift Station Pump Replacement	
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Work Session/Regular Session
BUDGET IMPACT: \$51,196.00 FUNDING SOURCE:	36331011
(X) Annual	
( ) Capital	
( ) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Union Road Lift Station Pump Replacement.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Union Road Lift Station is on the north end of the county serving Creekside West and Frank's Creek subdivisions. This is a duplex station with 45hp pumps. One of the pumps is in need of major repairs. The pump was pulled and sent to Xylem for repairs. After break down and evaluation the repair quote is \$45,761.60. The quote for a new replacement pump is \$51,196.00. Staff recommends approval to purchase the new replacement pump from Xylem for \$51,196.00.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve

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2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Utilities <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Steve Stalvey

SUBJECT: GEFA Loan Modification	
	Work
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Session/Regular
	Session
BUDGET IMPACT:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
(X) N/A	
( ) SPLOST	
( ) TSPLOST	
COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GEEN Loan Modification	

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GEFA Loan Modification

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County received a loan from Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a project to rehabilitate the sewer collection system and related appurtenances. This project has taken longer to complete than initially anticipated. After consulting with GEFA it was recommended that the loan be modified to extend the completion date to June 2026 for the manhole and lift station rehab. Staff recommends approval and authorize the Chairman to sign the modification documents.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Utilities <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Steve Stalvey

SUBJECT: GEFA Loan DWLSL2023097 for Lead Service Line Inventory	
	Work
DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025	Session/Regular
BUDGET IMPACT: \$635,000.00	Session
FUNDING SOURCE:	
( ) Annual	
( ) Capital	
(X) GEFA Loan	
( ) SPLOST	
( ) TSPLOST	
COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GEFA Loan DWLSL2023097 for Lead	d Service Line

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) offers funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, specifically for the lead service line inventory requirement. The lead service line inventory is a requirement from EPA and GA EPD for all public water systems. The loan can be used for engineering, administration, service line investigation and potholing, devices and equipment. Lowndes County has been approved for a \$635,000.00, loan with a 3.25% interest rate and a potential forgiveness of \$190,000.00, if all funds are used. Staff recommends approval and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve

Inventory

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Utilities DEPARTMENT HEAD: Steve Stalvey

SUBJECT: Amendment #1 to Windstream Build Agreement

Work

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025

BUDGET IMPACT: \$0

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Amendment #1 to Windstream Build Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On March 28, 2023, the County entered into a Build Agreement with Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC and Kinetic Fiber, LLC regarding the County's Broadband Expansion Infrastructure project. On May 17, 2023, the United States Treasury published an update to the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Supplementary Broadband Guidance. The update by Treasury resulted in the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget amending the Terms and Conditions with the County to reflect the updated Treasury guidance and to designate the County's Broadband Infrastructure grant as a Fixed Amount Subaward. As the County serves as a pass-through entity in regard to this award, Amendment #1 to the Build Agreement passes the updated Treasury guidance and fixed amount subaward designation through to Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC and Kinetic Fiber, LLC.

Attached is the proposed Amendment #1 to the Build Agreement between the County and Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC and Kinetic Fiber, LLC, the executed Build Agreement between the County and Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC and Kinetic Fiber, LLC, and the Amended Broadband Infrastructure Award Terms and Conditions between the County and the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment #1 to the Build Agreement as presented.

2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

( ) TSPLOST

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Finance <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Rachel Bowen

SUBJECT: Bid for Six Compact SUV Vehicles for Multiple Departments

Work

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2025 Session/Regular

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$160,122.00

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Bid for Six Compact SUV Vehicles for Multiple Departments

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County solicited bids for six new compact SUVs for Public Works, Magistrate Court and Inspections. These vehicles will replace older vehicles. Lowndes County received three (3) bids that met specifications.

		Unit Cost	Total Amount
Cass Burch	Quitman, GA	\$26,687.00	\$160,122.00
Hardy Family For	d Dallas, GA	\$31,384.00	\$188,304.00
Langdale Honda	Valdosta, GA	\$32,359.50	\$194,157.00

OPTIONS: 1. Award the bid to Cass Burch.

2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Finance <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Stephanie Black