

a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Georgia Services Administration Public Buildings Service, Lease Amendment #5 for the Georgia County USDA Service Center

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the current lease agreement between Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and the United States of America for the Georgia County USDA Service Center located at 2108 East Hill Avenue expired December 31, 2023. This proposed lease agreement will extend the current lease until December 31, 2028. The lease price of annual rent is \$72,000.00 payable at the rate of \$6,000.00, per month. The annual rent is an increase of \$32,000.00 annually, which is in accordance with the market rate. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the lease agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

2025 Public Defender Contracts

Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating the Commission heard from Mr. Wade Krueger during the work session meeting and the contract hasn't changed. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the contracts as presented, second by Vice Chairman Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Tower Replacement and Repair

IT Senior Systems Manager, Robin Wright, presented the item. Mr Wright stated this agenda item is for tower replacement and repair due to Hurricane Helene. These towers, originally rated for 75 mph winds, are quoted with stronger, taller structures that can withstand winds of 110 mph or more. Mr. Wright stated this work was currently in progress. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Fiber Install to Elections

IT Senior Systems Manager, Robin Wright presented the item. Mr. Wright stated this request is for installation of new fiber for the new location of the Board of Elections Office at 901 North Patterson Street. Mr. Wright stated the total cost to install the fiber optic network is \$82,744.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Acceptance of FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated the Commission approved the submission of the application for the continuing funding for the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) for the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant. Lowndes County was notified that we have been awarded funding in the amount of \$50,000.00. Mr. Tye stated it is the intent to continue using Peaceway Counseling, who has been providing the service for three years. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

2025 Holiday Schedule

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Lowndes County observes ten (10) holidays spanning twelve (12) working days and the 2025 Holiday Schedule is being presented for the Commission's consideration. Commissioner Orenstein asked if there were any