

FOR CONSIDERATION

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Val Del Estates Phase 5

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item stating Val Del Estates Subdivision Phase 5 is located on Val Del Road and includes twenty-six (26) lots. All construction and paperwork have been completed and staff has made the final inspection.

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.

2025 Public Defender Contracts

Public Defender, Wade Krueger, presented the contracts. Mr. Krueger stated this is an ongoing renewal of the current agreement required by the state, adding there are no changes to the contract, which have been in place since 2007.

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. County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated the work is already in progress and these items will be brought to you for your approval and direction with following financial policies as well as sending to Mr. Tye for FEMA purposes.

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 asked when this project would be completed, Mr. Wright responded after the permits are approved, approximately sixty (60) days.

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. Additionally, Mr. Tye stated there have been 52 families that have completed the Strengthening Families Program.

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 2024 Holiday Schedule is being presented for the Commission's consideration.