

is required to adopt a balanced budget by June 30, 2025, adding the other dates are presented as guidelines for the process.

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

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated Speedway, located at 2165 Old Clyattville Road, is requesting a license for the sale of beer and wine for consumption off premises. Ms. Black stated this is a new establishment.

Approval of DA's Federal VOCA Grant Application Renewal

District Attorney, Brad Shealy, presented the item. Mr. Shealy stated this is an annual request in which the District Attorney's Office has received the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant since 1997, adding that it benefits all five counties in the Southern Judicial Circuit. Mr. Shealy stated the funds benefit victims of crimes that are handled by Superior Court.

Approval of the Solicitor General's FY25 VOCA Grant Award

Solicitor General's Office, Victim Services Director, Karen Hayes presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Solicitor General's Office has been a recipient of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) since 2014 and this grant funds two full-time victim advocates. Ms. Hayes stated there are no significant decreases in funding this year for fiscal year 2025. The VOCA Award amount is \$75,020.00, which is the same amount as last year. Lowndes County would be required to provide a cash match amount of \$33,232.00. This grant period runs from October 1, 2024 -September 30, 2025.

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

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the original agreement dated April 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 asked the 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 TIA office agreed to provide additional funds in the amount of \$1,300,000.00, to cover the total cost of the project.

Emergency Repair - Lowndes County Fire Station #5

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated on November 6, 2024 Lowndes County received an abnormal rain event. Due to the rain event that occurred, 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. Chairman Slaughter stated this was an emergency repair in order to get the fire station back up and running. Commissioner Orenstein asked if Kellerman Construction was the original contractor, Mr. McLeod answered yes and the repairs are about 60% complete. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the location for Fire Station #5, Mr. McLeod answered this station is located on Bemiss Road.