

Department of Transportation. Commissioner Marshall asked if anyone met with the opposition, Vice Chairman Orenstein, answered no to his knowledge all of the questions were submitted in writing and answered.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

**One Valdosta-Lowndes Community-Wide Initiative**, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated county leadership has worked with One Valdosta-Lowndes Steering Committee over the past several years to develop a community wide initiative that will address local challenges with a focus on workforce development. Mrs. Dukes stated this is a five-year initiative. Vice Chairman Orenstein stated the commission has had the opportunity to speak with leadership regarding this initiative. Mrs. Dukes stated Dr. Carvajal and Mr. Purvis should be in attendance at the regular session meeting.

**Exit 22 Permanent Utility Easement**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated this permanent easement is required for the water main extension at Exit 22. Mr. Stalvey stated this extension will provide much needed redundancy and looping for the area.

**Exit 22 Temporary Construction Easement**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated this temporary ten-foot easement is needed during the construction period to provide sufficient space to complete the water main extension. Mr. Stalvey stated this temporary construction easement will expire one year after the completion of the project.

**Acceptance of FY2022 Delinquency Prevention Grant**, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the Commission approved and authorized staff to submit an application for funding for the FY2022 Delinquency Prevention Grant. Mrs. Dukes stated the request was for \$41,500.00 in funding through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for implementation of the Strengthening Families Program. Mrs. Dukes stated she, as well as Commissioner Evans, met with Judge Council last week at his budget meeting and he spoke of the positive impact this program is having in Juvenile Court. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated there is a six month award period that will allow for startup and a single cohort and in years two-five, Lowndes County will be eligible for up to \$50,000.00, in continuation funding each year, which will allow for two cohorts of 10-14 youths each. Mrs. Dukes stated in order to officially accept funding, the Chairman will need to be authorized to sign the award documents and service agreement with EBA.

**FY2023 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant**, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented a grant application request in the amount of \$195,372.00, in Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) grant funds. Mrs. Dukes stated since 2014, Lowndes County has been awarded funding through the CJCC to allow the Juvenile Court to implement services for diversion of youth offenders instead of incarceration. Mrs. Dukes stated Functional Family Therapy (FFT) has been the primary program implemented and Juvenile Court has requested funding be applied for in the amount of \$195,372.00. Commissioner Marshall asked if there are any reports available to review the outcomes, Mrs. Dukes answered yes, Judge Council will be compiling that information for the commission.