

FOR CONSIDERATION

Purchase of Between the Rivers, L.L.C. Property, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County has the opportunity to purchase 71.47 acres owned by Between the Rivers, LLC, located at the confluence of the Withlacoochee and Little Rivers. Mr. McLeod stated the proposed purchase price is \$121,500.00, and an appraisal was completed by the County in September 2022. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the timeline, Mr. McLeod stated if approved, the closing on the property will be held Wednesday afternoon. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what is the purpose of purchasing this property, Chairman Slaughter stated this is the property to develop a park used by the citizens for kayaking and outdoor activities. County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated this does support the master plan currently before the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority.

MyGov Intergovernmental Agreement, Director of Permits, Inspections and Code Enforcement, Mindy Bates, presented the item. Mrs. Bates stated the MyGov software package will be used by the Planning, Zoning, Inspections, Permitting and Code Enforcement departments. Mrs. Bates stated the MyGov software package was selected due to simplicity and cost. Additionally, Mrs. Bates stated it is a non-profit entity, making the fees lower. Mrs. Bates stated the total cost is \$22,894.96. Commissioner Marshall asked if this software was being used by the City of Valdosta, Mrs. Bates answered no. Chairman Slaughter stated there will be an extensive planning process with the development community and contractors when this process begins. Chairman Slaughter mentioned the goal is to better serve the citizens through the permitting process. Mrs. Bates mentioned that the customer support will have support for the end users as well.

Langdale Park Verizon Cell Tower Land Lease Agreement, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority negotiated the land lease agreement of a portion of Langdale Park to Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for a cell tower. Mr. McLeod stated the Trust Deed of Langdale Park by the County to the Parks and Recreation Authority requires the County to consent to this land lease agreement. Additionally, Mr. McLeod stated the agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney.

2023 Public Defender Contracts, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this is an ongoing renewal of the current agreement required by the state, adding there are no changes to the contract.

Approval of Solicitor General's VAWA Continuation Grant Application for 2023, Solicitor General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Solicitor's office has received the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant since 2018. Ms. Hayes stated this continuation grant award period begins January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. Ms. Hayes stated the cash match required by Lowndes County is \$21,611.00. Further, Ms. Hayes explained if not approved, Lowndes County would need to pay a total cash match of \$36,266.00. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked regarding the cash match, Chairman Slaughter responded if the additional funding is not awarded, Lowndes County would be responsible for a total cash match of \$36,266.00.