January 24, 2023

To: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

From: Chairman Bill Slaughter

Re: Federal Grants originating from our District Attorney's Office October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 – VOCA (Base & Comp Advocate Funds) Sub-Grant Numbers: C22-8-076 and C18-8-566

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as my explicit authorization for Bradfield M. Shealy, District Attorney of the Southern Judicial Circuit, to sign any and all paperwork for federal grants concerning the operation of the District Attorney's Office.

While Bradfield's main office is physically located in Valdosta, where 23 of his 37 employees are assigned, his office is responsible for prosecuting cases and serving victims in Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Lowndes and Thomas counties. Furthermore, he has branch offices in both Moultrie and Thomasville.

Inasmuch as the District Attorney coordinates his office payroll and other expenditures with the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia for the operation of his office, it is entirely appropriate and most efficient for the taxpayers of our circuit that he be allowed to sign on all grant paperwork, including but not limited to, VOCA, VAWA and Byrne grants.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Slaughter Chairman Lowndes County Board of Commissioners