

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m.  
REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

1. **Call To Order**

2. **Invocation**

3. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**

4. **Minutes For Approval**

- a. Work Session - March 13, 2023 & Regular Session - March 14, 2023

5. **Appointments**

- a. South Georgia Community Service Board

Documents:

[SOUTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD APPT..PDF](#)

- b. Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

Documents:

[VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY APPT..PDF](#)

6. **Public Hearing**

- a. REZ-2022-10 The Campus Transitional Care Facility, 2193 Howell Road, E-A To P-D, Well & Septic, ~23 Acres

Documents:

[REZ-2022-10 THE CAMPUS TRANSITIONAL CARE FACILITY, 2193 HOWELL ROAD.PDF](#)

7. **For Consideration**

- a. Resolution Agreeing To Participate In The National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, And Walmart Opioid Settlements

Documents:

[RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART OPIOID SETTLEMENTS.PDF](#)

b. Lowndes County DUI Court Technology Supplemental Grant Award

Documents:

[LOWNDES COUNTY DUI COURT TECHNOLOGY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD.PDF](#)

c. Adult Accountability Court Technology Supplemental Grant Award

Documents:

[ADULT ACCOUNTABILITY COURT TECHNOLOGY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD.PDF](#)

d. Acceptance Of The FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

Documents:

[ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2023 VAWA CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD.PDF](#)

e. Deep South Sanitation, LLC Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Documents:

[DEEP SOUTH SANITATION, LLC RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE RENEWAL.PDF](#)

f. Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Documents:

[ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE RENEWAL..PDF](#)

g. Windstream Build Agreement

Documents:

[WINDSTREAM BUILD AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

h. PowerPhone Emergency Medical Dispatch With CAD Integration

Documents:

[POWERPHONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH WITH CAD INTEGRATION.PDF](#)

8. **Bid**

a. A New Headquarters For Second Harvest Of South Georgia

Documents:

[A NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR SECOND HARVEST OF SOUTH  
GEORGIA.PDF](#)

9. **Reports - County Manager**
10. **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name  
And Address**
11. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: South Georgia Community Service Board

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/Reappointing a Member

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Ms. Cindy Vickery's term on the South Georgia Community Service Board has expired. The CEO of Legacy Behavioral Health Services requests and recommends the reappointment of Ms. Vickery.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint a member.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing a Member

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: There is a vacant seat on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority due to the resignation of Jason Dove.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint a member.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: REZ-2022-10 The Campus Transitional Care Facility, 2193 Howell Road, E-A to P-D, Well & Septic, ~23 acres

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

Recommendation

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2022-10 The Campus Transitional Care Facility, 2193 Howell Road, E-A to P-D, Well & Septic, ~23 acres

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This case represents an attempt by the applicant to change the zoning of ~23 acres for the development of a Transitional Care Facility. The Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) defines a Transitional Care Facility as the following:

A building or buildings in which is provided long-term, but not permanent living accommodations for one or more persons who are in need of short-term or long-term housing assistance, and in which may also be provided meals and social services including physical therapy, social therapy, emotional therapy, counseling, rehabilitation, or substance abuse recovery assistance.

This potential facility is not currently licensed for substance abuse recovery assistance. Beyond a support group or outside visit from a licensed counselor, clients with substance abuse needs will be referred to other facilities, organizations, or counselors licensed for such care. The rezoning is necessary because Transitional Care Facilities are not an allowable use in Estate Agricultural (E-A) zoning. For reference, the subject property has frontage on Howell Road, a County-maintained major collector (3,000 to 6,000 vehicles per day). The current uses along this portion of Howell Road are dominantly a mixture of sparsely settled residential and agricultural parcels. Concerning the Future Development Map, the subject property is within the Rural Service Area and depicted as an Agricultural/Forestry Character Area.

Based on the proposed site plan, the overall occupancy could reach up to 52 residents. The applicant is planning on developing the property in phases, with a maximum occupancy of five (5) residents per house, and one (1) resident per cabin.

Overall, staff found the request inconsistent with the Character Area, but consistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The largest concerns for the TRC were ensuring that the proposed use was able to be developed on the subject property and that its impacts to the surrounding area was manageable. At this point, it is the hope of staff that the benefit the proposed use brings to the community and the proposed site plan, with its buffering and setbacks, will mitigate any potentially negative effects on surrounding properties.

The Planning Commission heard the request and the concerns of the neighbors, and recommended denial by a vote of (7-3).

OPTIONS: 1) Approve  
2) Approve with Conditions  
3) Table  
4) Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Planning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution Agreeing to Participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens,  
and Walmart Opioid Settlements

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Resolution Agreeing to Participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS,  
Walgreens, and Walmart Settlements

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County agrees to participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS,  
Walgreens, and Walmart Settlements, and to be bound by a Memorandum of Understanding between the  
State of Georgia and Georgia subdivisions regarding the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and  
Walmart Settlements.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached resolution.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:



LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County DUI Court Technology Supplemental Grant  
Award

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lowndes County DUI Court Supplemental Technology Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court has awarded the Lowndes County DUI Court a supplemental technology grant in the amount of \$500.00, with no cash match required from the County. These funds are to provide a tablet for the use of our Surveillance Officer to document curfew checks and drug screens while performing field visits. The Lowndes County DUI Court began operating in January 2017. We have had 74 graduates from our program and currently have 30 active participants in our program.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County DUI Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Heather Harris

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Adult Accountability Court Technology Supplemental Grant  
Award

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Adult Accountability Court Technology Supplemental Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Each Fiscal Year (FY) there is additional funding available, Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) accepts mid-year solicitations for things like technology.

FY23 the Lowndes County Accountability Court (LCAC) program submitted the following request so the program case manager could purchase some new technology. We requested and did receive \$250.00 to pay for the following:

Monitor x 1 (Case Manager) BenQ 27" monitor \$149.99  
Docking Station x 1 (Case Manager) Satechi Multi-media adapter \$98.99  
TOTAL: \$248.98

This amount does not require any cash match from the County and will be added to our existing grant as of 4-1-23. The technology would initially be purchased by Lowndes County and the full amount would then be reimbursed at the end of qtr. 4, FY23.

Our hope is the Commissioners will approve this addition to our FY23 budget. If so, LCAC would request the attached subgrant be signed.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Accountability Court

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jennifer Fabbri

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$86,266.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- (X) Annual - \$36,266.00
- (X) CJCC Funding - \$50,000.00
- ( ) In-Kind

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of FY 2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On December 13, 2022, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the application for Continuation Funding available through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program. The requested funding will continue to pay the salary and fringe benefits for our VAWA Special Prosecutor. The application also included a request for additional funding to assist in covering these costs. The Solicitor General's Office was recently notified that their application was approved at the same level as the previous year in the amount of \$50,000.00 of Federal funds. In addition to the Federal funds awarded, Lowndes County will be responsible for \$36,266.00 in matching funds to fully cover the salary and benefits for the position. The performance period for this grant runs from January 1 through December 31, 2023. Acceptance of the award and activation of the award package requires that the Chairman sign the award documents and they be returned to the CJCC no later than April 14, 2023. This will allow Lowndes County to begin drawing funds.

- OPTIONS: 1. Accept FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award and authorize the Chairman to sign all award documents.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Deep South Sanitation, LLC Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$0.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Deep South Sanitation, LLC, Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal for 2023 - 2024.

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Deep South Sanitation, LLC, has applied to renew its existing Franchise for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services which is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2023.

Enclosed is a proposed renewed franchise. It is for a term of one year, beginning on April 1, 2023 and ending on March 31, 2024. Other than updating various dates in the new Franchise, it is identical to the existing Franchise Agreement.

Franchisee Proposed Changes:

Increase the basic service not to exceed fee from \$20.00 per month to \$25.00 per month. (Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.1.(c)) & (Franchise Agreement -Item Number 14 (Pricing for Basic Service)).

Adjust Hours of Operation of Collection Centers from 42 hours per week to 35 hours per week. (Change schedule from Friday, Saturday, and Monday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.6. & Franchise Agreement - Item Number 23 (Hours of Operation of Collection Center)

OPTIONS: 1. Approve proposed renewed Franchise for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services for Deep South Sanitation , LLC, and authorize the Chairman to execute the Franchise on behalf of the County.  
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kevin Beals

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$0.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. Residential Solid Waste Franchise renewal for 2023 - 2024.

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc., a division of Waste Management, Inc., has applied to renew its existing Franchise for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services which is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2023.

Enclosed is a proposed renewed franchise. It is for a term of one year, beginning on April 1, 2023 and ending on March 31, 2024. Other than updating various dates in the new Franchise, it is identical to the existing Franchise Agreement.

Franchisee Proposed Changes:

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- OPTIONS: 1. Approve proposed renewed Franchise for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services for Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the Franchise on behalf of the County.
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kevin Beals

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Windstream Build Agreement

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Build Agreement with Windstream

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted and included funding for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF). This funding was created to support governments across the country in their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Georgia Office of Planning and Budget decided to use a portion of their ARPA SLFRF allocation to create a competitive application process for Broadband Expansion Infrastructure. Lowndes County partnered with Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC to prepare an application for this funding, which resulted in Lowndes County receiving a grant award of \$21,783,961. The total project cost of \$39,420,865 will be comprised of the grant award from the State as well as \$17,636,904 in matching funds provided by Windstream.

The Broadband Expansion Infrastructure funding was created to address broadband needs in areas that are currently unserved or underserved. This project will provide many of our citizens with reliable internet access that delivers minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload. This project will foster a better quality of life for many of our citizens with improved opportunities for remote learning, work from home options, economic expansion, and enhanced telemedicine. This project will provide symmetrical gigabit-speed broadband access to 16,193 residential locations and 1,434 business locations in Lowndes County and will cover approximately 96 percent of the unserved census blocks in Lowndes County.

Attached is a proposed Build Agreement between the County and Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC and Kinetic Fiber, LLC.

The County Attorney has reviewed the Agreement. It is ready for approval.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Build Agreement as presented.  
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: PowerPhone Emergency Medical Dispatch with CAD Integration

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BUDGET IMPACT:

1. Total budgetary impact of \$116,286.
2. \$85,000 (funds available in this year's budget) will be due at the signing of this document.
3. Remaining balance of \$31,286.00 to be paid in the Fiscal Year 23 / 24 budget cycle.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: PowerPhone Emergency Medical Dispatch with CAD Integration

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Purchase of PowerPhone Emergency Medical Dispatch protocol system with seamless CAD integration to allow for more efficient delivery of pre-arrival medical instructions to callers. This includes all protocols, with medical direction, certification training courses, continuing education training course requirements and CPR certifications.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Purchase of PowerPhone EMD  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: E911

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Danny Weeks

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: A New Headquarters for Second Harvest of South Georgia

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$21,853,779.00 - CDBG-CV Grant

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: A New Headquarters for Second Harvest of South Georgia

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The New Headquarters for Second Harvest of South Georgia project was awarded an \$18 million dollar CDBG-CV Grant. Second Harvest of South Georgia will be responsible for all costs above the grant amount. On February 9, 2023, the date set for receipt of bids for the referenced project, Lowndes County received only one bid. This bid was submitted by Quillian Powell Construction Company, Inc. (QPCC). Their base bid price was \$24,565,000.00. They also provided pricing for numerous alternates. Because their base bid price exceeded Second Harvest's construction budget, the architect, the contractor and the user agency began the process of evaluating deductive alternate prices and deciding which would be accepted. We also began pricing various other value engineered options and now have completed that process; arriving at a construction contract amount of \$21,853,779.00. This amount is acceptable to the user agency and the contractor.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve Quillian Powell Construction as the low bidder and authorize the Chairmen to sign the contract.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: