

Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority

County Manager Paige Dukes presented the item stating Mrs. Suzan Garnett's term on the VLPRA expires on June 30th and she has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Garnett is currently Chair of the VLPRA Board and is a tremendous part of that initiative. Mrs. Dukes also stated staff is in favor of her consideration.

Valdosta Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the item stating Mr. Tripp Howell's seat will expire June 30th and he has expressed a desire to continue to serve. She also stated Commissioner Evans is part of this initiative. Once we complete bringing Permits and Inspections in house as of July 1, 2023 we will come to you later in July for an appointment for the Construction Board of Appeals for Lowndes County, stating we cannot use the same one, but if you all choose to appoint the same members that currently serve on the existing board so that there are not two groups of people there, that can be done. Mrs. Dukes stated we are in the process of reaching out to them now to see if they would be interested. That is a board that meets once per quarter, so there is no large time commitment. Chairman Slaughter asked Mrs. Dukes to help him understand the reason why we could not use the same Board, to which Mrs. Dukes responded it is Valdosta-Lowndes County because we have the agreement. Further stating, the agreement is tied to that and once we split out of that, it will no longer be Valdosta-Lowndes County, there will be a Valdosta Board and a Lowndes County Board.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Lowndes County Accountability Court Grant Approval and Cash Match

Program Director, Jennifer Fabbri presented the item. Mrs. Fabbri stated she is happy to report that they did receive a state grant to continue them through Fiscal Year 2024. She stated, as always, that grant provides 88% of the total budget and they are asking the County for a 12% cash match. The actual amount requested this year is a little lower than last year. She also wanted to point out that the program was recognized by CACJ for adhering to best practices state standards. Mrs. Fabbri also stated she is happy to say that at last year's annual conference she was awarded the Star Coordinator Award for the State of Georgia. Mrs. Fabbri also mentioned that she provided a savings analysis print out for the Commissioners. Commissioner Evans thanked Mrs. Fabbri for the work that she does. Mrs. Fabbri stated the next graduation is August 9, 2023. She also invited the Commissioners to a special recognition for Judge Voyles, stating he has stepped in and done an amazing job. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mrs. Fabbri.

Annual Contract Renewal with the State of Georgia Department of Corrections

Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus presented the item. Mrs. Cumbus stated this item is for three prison work details, one for the Engineering Department to meet state requirements for storm water and two for Public Works for the maintenance of easements. Mrs. Cumbus also stated this contract does not come with a cost increase like previous years. Chairman Slaughter asked if this contract is only if the County needs the details, to which Mrs. Cumbus responded, that is correct. In addition, Mrs. Cumbus stated if the County does not use the details, the County is not charged.

Budget Plan for Hotel Motel Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2024

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the item stating, Georgia Statute requires the Commission to adopt prior to each fiscal year a budget plan for the use of hotel/motel tax proceeds for the upcoming fiscal year. Mrs. Dukes stated the same statute also requires the Commission to obtain from the Conference Center and Tourism Authority a budget plan. In addition, Mrs. Dukes stated, the Authority