

Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the terms of Mr. J.D. Rice, Mr. Michael Walker, and Mr. Clay Griner have expired. Mr. Rice and Mr. Walker have expressed an interest in being reappointed, but Mr. Griner is not interested in being reappointed at this time. This leaves two vacant seats on the board previously held by Mr. Clay Griner and Mr. Crawford Powell. Mr. Robert Green has also expressed a desire to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to reappoint Mr. J.D. Rice and Mr. Michael Walker, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Marshall nominated Commissioner Michael Smith to succeed Mr. Clay Griner. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Smith was appointed by acclamation. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Robert Green to succeed Mr. Crawford Powell. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Smith nominated Andy Griffin to succeed Mr. Crawford Powell. Commissioners Smith, Marshall and Orenstein voted in favor of the appointment for Mr. Andy Griffin to succeed Mr. Crawford Powell, Commissioner Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

2026 Comprehensive Plan Technical Assistance Contract

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is an agreement for technical assistance services between the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission. A scheduled kick-off meeting will be held on August 12, 2025. Mr. Dillard stated this is a fourteen-month process to update the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Orenstein asked to verify the cost, Mrs. Dukes answered, \$30,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FY 2026 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant Application

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated this is a continuation of a grant that Lowndes County has received for the fifth year. Mr. Tye stated this is continuation funding of \$50,000.00 to continue the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) which is group family therapy designed for lower category offenses. All expenditures are paid by Lowndes County and reimbursed one hundred percent by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Commissioner Orenstein commended Mr. Tye for his work. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Acceptance of FY2026 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated in April of this year a grant application was submitted to continue the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant which provides Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services. Mr. Tye stated that with FFT the therapist goes into the home and there is one-on-one counseling with the family. This grant has been implemented since 2014. Lowndes County has been awarded \$325,000.00 for FY2026 and this will support 50 youths and their families. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the grant as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Blue Lake Lift Station Pump Repair

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Blue Lake lift station is a duplex lift station on our main trunk line. This station is currently running on one pump. A quote was received from Xylem, Inc. with a cost of \$44,661.00 to repair and \$62,714.00 to purchase a new pump.