

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Recognition of EMA Director Ashley Tye for receiving the
Prestigious Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award by the
International Association of Emergency Managers (Regular Session)

Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: December 9, 2025

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON:

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Awards & Recognition Committee of the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) recently selected Ashley Tye, AEM, as the 2025 recipient of the prestigious Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award. Ashley was recognized and presented with the award during the President's Banquet and Awards Program at the 73rd IAEM Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The Clayton R. Christopher Memorial Award recognizes the career achievements of an emergency management director at the local level of government for outstanding contributions and commitment to a local emergency management program. A peer nominated Ashley for this award, and his nomination packet included letters of recommendation and support from a number of the local partners with whom he works, further highlighting his commitment to his community. Beyond his operational excellence, Ashley was selected for this award for his humility, mentorship, and genuine care for people. He has elevated preparedness across his region and inspired countless others through his leadership and service.

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: