

Commissioner is based on the base salary. Mrs. Dukes stated the County Clerk will verify to see if any judges are in this selection cycle. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked when qualifying would begin. Chairman Slaughter stated he was unsure, and Commissioner Smith responded March 2-6, 2026.

Appointment of Felicia Williams to Board of Tax Assessors

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item stating at the Board's December 9, 2025 meeting, the Board voted to reappoint Felicia Williams to the Board of Tax Assessors. A proposed order that Ms. Williams has been and is appointed is attached. This order also specifies that Ms. Williams is appointed for a three year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

Acceptance of FY2026 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated staff submitted a request for continuation funding under the Delinquency Prevention Grant which funds the Strengthening Families Program (SSP) that has been implemented by Peaceway Counseling. This represents the fifth year of funding for the grant and will be the final year of funding under this grant cycle. Mr. Tye stated this request is to authorize the Chairman to sign all award documents, including the agreement with Peaceway Counseling for the provision of Strengthening Families Program services.

Approval of the Solicitor General's FY26 VOCA Grant Award AW-VOCA-25-071-012

Solicitor General's Office, Victim Services Director, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Solicitor's Office has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 2014 and this grant funds two full-time victim advocates. The FY2026 VOCA Award will be in the amount of \$75,020.00, which is the same amount as last year. Lowndes County would be required to provide a cash match of \$33,232.00, which is also the amount of last year. The performance period for this grant runs from October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. The Solicitor General's office is requesting the Board's approval of the FY2026 VOCA Grant Award AW-VOCA-25-071-012 and the federal award amount is \$75,020.00.

Approval of DA's FY 2026 VOCA Grant Application Renewal Sub-Grant Number: AW-VOCA-25-071-012 Federal Amount: \$137,368

District Attorney, Brad Shealy, presented the item. Mr. Shealy stated this is an annual request in which the District Attorney's office has received the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds since 1997, adding that it benefits all five counties in the Southern Judicial Circuit. Mr. Shealy stated the District Attorney's office is requesting the Board's approval of the FY2026 VOCA Grant Application Renewal Sub-Grant Number: AWVOCA-25-071-012 and the federal award amount is \$137,368.00.

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Knights Landing Phase IV Section I

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Knights Landing Phase IV, Section I is located off Bemiss Knights Academy Road at the end of Duchess Court and includes 39 residential lots. All construction and paperwork have been completed. Engineering and Utilities staff have conducted the final inspection of the construction. The developer has requested Lowndes County to accept the infrastructure, which includes the roads and right of ways, easements, stormwater infrastructure, and utilities infrastructure. Mr. McLeod stated there is one item to be completed and that is boring under the railroad track this morning, hopefully completed by tomorrow.

Acceptance of Infrastructure for Colbie Place Subdivision

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Colbie Place Subdivision is located off of River Road and includes 54 residential lots. All construction and paperwork have been completed. Engineering and Utilities staff have conducted the final inspection of the