

4. To establish and maintain a primary and one or more secondary control centers to serve as command posts during an emergency or disaster.
5. Subject to the order of the Governor or the chief executive of the political subdivision, to assign and make available for duty the employees, property, and equipment of the subdivision for emergency management purposes, both within and outside the territorial limits of the subdivision.
6. In addition to the heretofore stated powers and authorities, to acquire, temporarily or permanently, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, sites required for installation of temporary housing units for disaster victims; and to enter into whatever arrangements, including purchase, of temporary housing units and payment of transportation charges, which are necessary to prepare or equip such sites to utilize the housing units.
7. To coordinate emergency management activities with municipal, regional, state, and federal partners, and to support a multi-jurisdictional, all-hazards approach to emergency management.

SECTION III – LOWNDES COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Pursuant to the Act, the Board, as the governing authority of Lowndes County, hereby continues and reaffirms the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency (the “Agency”) as the local organization for emergency management, in accordance with the state emergency management plan and program.

SECTION IV – FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY

Pursuant to the Act, the Agency shall perform emergency management functions within the territorial limits of Lowndes County and may conduct such functions outside those limits as authorized under Articles 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 3, Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia.

SECTION V – PARTICIPATION BY CITIES

As provided by the Act, the Agency shall include participation by each municipality within Lowndes County unless the governing authority of any such municipality elects to establish its own organization for emergency management, and shall support a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional approach to emergency management.

SECTION VI – AGENCY OFFICE

Pursuant to the Act, the Board designates that the office of the Agency shall be located within Lowndes County, currently at the Lowndes County Emergency Operations Center, 250 Douglas St, Valdosta, Georgia, or at such other location as may be designated by the Board.

SECTION VII – DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Agency shall be organized and operate in coordination with existing County departments, participating municipalities, and external partner agencies, each of which shall be responsible for emergency management functions consistent with its respective authorities and capabilities.

Emergency management functions shall be assigned and carried out in accordance with the Lowndes County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), which establishes a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional, all-hazards framework for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.