

FOR CONSIDERATION

Award of Pre-Event Disaster Logistics Support Services Contracts

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated this is a pre-event no-cost contract for disaster logistics support services such as setting up base camps, running points of distribution, generators, or any type of resource needed after a disaster. The recommendation is to award contracts to three vendors selected on the criteria of services and equipment provided. Staff is recommending MLU Services, LLC, AshBritt, Inc. and Safe Industries to provide on-call disaster logistics support for emergency response and recovery operations. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve MLU Services, LLC, AshBritt, Inc. and Safe Industries, seconded by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Acceptance of FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated in April the board approved submission of the application to continue funding for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant, which provides Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services used with Evidence-Based Associates. Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County applied for \$375,000.00 and was awarded \$325,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this amount had increased from last year. Mr. Tye responded no, it is the same amount. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the grant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Request for Proposal

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County Utilities was awarded a GEFA loan to install backup bypass pumps at several of our lift stations that lack emergency backup. Staff advertised a request for proposal and received two responses from BBA Pumps, Inc. and Hydra Services, Inc. Proposals were considered based on scoring criteria that comprised several evaluation factors, totaling a maximum potential score of 100. An evaluation committee comprised of Lowndes County staff and Carter and Sloope Engineering representatives scored both proposals. BBA Pumps, Inc. – 96 and Godwin (via Hydra Service, Inc.) – 89. With the highest scoring proposal, BBA Pumps, Inc. was determined to be the most advantageous proposer for the County. Therefore, staff recommends approval to proceed with BBA Pumps, Inc. to provide the bypass pumps. Commissioner Orenstein asked about the amount of the GEFA loan, Mr. Stalvey answered it is over \$2 million dollars and another proposal will come at a later date for the pads and connections. Commissioner Marshall asked what is the warranty. Mr. Stalvey answered on the BBA pumps there is a three (3) year warranty. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve BBA Pumps, Inc. in the amount of \$1,718.895.00, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked Fire Rescue Chief Billy Young and Captain Scott Garren to come up. Mrs. Dukes stated as you know, we completed the budget process, and part of that conversation was finding efficiencies and grant opportunities, and Captain Garren was already working in that direction. Mrs. Dukes asked Chief Young to share the announcement with the commission. Chief Young gave the Chairman and Commissioners an update stating we were looking at how we could help with the budget. In 2026, Captain Garren was promoted to our Logistics Captain, and we established some goals for our department. One of his goals was to find grants that we were eligible