

FOR CONSIDERATION

Award of Pre-Event Disaster Logistics Support Services Contracts

Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated this is similar to the debris removal contracts. After recent hurricanes and with the uncertainty of what future disasters look like as far as federal and state resources are concerned, Lowndes County wanted to ensure we could meet needs locally. An RFP was solicited for logistic services, ex: base camps, tent cities, helping manage the points of distribution (water and ice), etc. This places Lowndes County in a good position regarding pricing and will speed up availability to get those resources rather than wait for a disaster event to happen. Lowndes County received proposals, evaluated, and the recommendation is to award a non-exclusive contract to three vendors. Similar to the County's debris removal contracts, if the first company is unable to provide the requested service, a secondary company would be available. Each company is located in a different geographical location throughout the Southeast and were chosen based on their qualifications, pricing and accessibility. Mr. Tye stated there will be no cost unless services are utilized. Chairman Slaughter stated the recent storms demonstrated the value of having these types of contracts in place before a disaster occurs. Commissioner Marshall asked whether this RFP would also cover the cities within Lowndes County. Mr. Tye responded that for FEMA reimbursement purposes, if the cities choose to go on their own, they can use our RFP and enter into a contract with the same vendors.

Acceptance of FY2027 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award

Emergency Management 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.

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, the results of which are: BBA Pumps, Inc. – 96 and Godwin (via Hydra Service, Inc.) – 89. Staff recommends approval to proceed with BBA Pumps, Inc. to provide the bypass pumps. Commissioner Smith asked if BBA Pumps had been used in the past. Mr. Stalvey responded that this is the first time using this company and research was done as well as the pumps were tested.

Chairman Slaughter acknowledged Ms. Pavi Parssinen, the Executive Director of Legacy Behavioral Health and thanked her for attending the meeting.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, welcomed Ms. Pavi Parssinen, the Executive Director of Legacy Behavioral Health and commented that when they met regarding their budget, the main concern mentioned regarding their clients was transportation. Lowndes County Probation has been collaborating with Legacy Behavioral Health to possibly use the Leila Ellis building to help address this need.