

Lowndes County Library System Board of Trustees

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated at the July 14, 2026, commission meeting, Mr. William Booth was appointed to serve a one-year term. However, Mr. Booth does not reside in Lowndes County and the recently updated Lowndes County Library Board Constitution states, "If a member of the Board moves his residence outside Lowndes County, he or she shall be replaced on the Board." This leaves a vacant seat for the one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Mrs. Dukes further stated Dr. Debra Carruth has expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board. Ms. Sarah FitzGerald, Mr. Dave DiSalvo, and Ms. Kimberly Cliett have also expressed a desire to be appointed to the board. Commissioner Smith nominated Ms. Kimberly Cliett for the one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. There were no other nominations. Ms. Kimberly Cliett was appointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

2026 Comprehensive Plan Transmittal

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the purpose of this hearing is to notify the community that a draft of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan will be transmitted to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for review. Staff from the Regional Commission, Hahira, Valdosta, and Lowndes County have worked on this plan in addition to hosting public meetings with input from local elected officials, stakeholders, and community partners. A substantial update to the Comprehensive Plan has been prepared and is ready for state review. Mr. Dillard further stated staff recommends the Chairman sign the transmittal letter authorizing the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to review the plan and submit it to the Department of Community Affairs for their review. During this time, residents may also make suggestions, additions, or revisions by submitting written comments to appropriate staff. Mr. Dillard stated a copy of the plan is available on Lowndes County's website as well as the Southern Georgia Regional Commission's website. Commissioner Smith asked if there will still be time for local cities and elected leaders to review and edit based on their needs and municipalities. Mr. Dillard responded, that is correct. John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Quarterman complimented the County Planner for putting the draft Comprehensive Plan on the Lowndes County website. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Smith seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Resurfacing Batch 1 P.I. # 0020532 — Local Project Delivery Application Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Resurfacing Batch 1 is on the TIA II approved list. Mr. McLeod further stated the Local Delivery Application starts the process by allowing Lowndes County to manage the project at the local government level. The project will include resurfacing 36 county roads at 52 miles. The project is estimated at \$13,134,000.00. Mr. McLeod stated staff will let the project in three (3) phases between 2026 and 2029. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked if the three sections are bands or if that is something different. Mr. McLeod stated that is something different. This is band one and there will be three phases in band one. There is still a band two and a band three to come. Commissioner Smith asked if this is completely paid for by TSPLOST. Mr. McLeod responded yes. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the item. Seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.