

Exhibit A

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Lowndes County for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection:

- "() *YES* *Shall a special one (1) percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Lowndes County for a period of time not to exceed six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$150,000,000 to be used and expended:*
- () *NO*

by Lowndes County for purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of and improvements to road, street and bridge facilities and major capital equipment for construction and maintenance of road, street and bridge facilities; construction of and improvements to water and sewer facilities; payment of bond debt for acquisition and construction of and equipping a new library facility and parks and recreation facilities; construction of, improvements to and major capital equipment for public safety facilities and purposes, including fire protection and law enforcement; improvements to and major capital equipment for public safety radio system purposes; and renovation of former courthouse facility;

by the City of Valdosta for the purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of and improvements to road, street, and bridge facilities to include sidewalks, bike lanes, piping of ditches, city rights-of-way to include land acquisition, traffic signals and intersection improvements, resurfacing, street repairs and materials, technology improvements, and other transportation systems and equipment improvements including the Traffic Management Center; construction of and improvements to drainage infrastructure, systems and facilities to include the purchase of land, property, and capital equipment for the maintenance of drainage systems; construction of, improvements to and major capital equipment for police facilities, including crime lab facilities and other police equipment and technology improvements; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for parks and recreation to include land

acquisition, facility improvements and renovations; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for firefighting, training, and fire station facilities to include land acquisition, renovations, additions, fire trucks, technology equipment and other capital equipment; land acquisition, site work, design, construction of and capital equipment to include furnishings for a municipal auditorium facility and improvements to administrative facilities; construction of and improvements to water and sewer facilities to include equipment, land acquisition, and construction of water and wastewater facilities, plants, infrastructure, materials and capital equipment; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for public works facilities, including sanitation vehicles and other public works vehicles; major repairs, renovations, and capital equipment for administrative buildings, including computer hardware and software; acquisition of and improvements to capital equipment for a public safety radio system; payment of existing bond debt and/or loan obligations for water and wastewater improvements and capital expenditures; and purchase of property, land and streetscape improvements, design, and construction of capital improvements projects as identified in the downtown Valdosta strategic master plan;

by the City of Hahira for purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for road, street and bridge facilities, sidewalks, bicycle/cart paths and trails, including acquisition of rights of way, improvement of surface-water drainage, widening, resurfacing, leveling and other repairs for preservation of road, street and bridge facilities; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for water and sewer facilities; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for public safety facilities, including police and firefighting and rescue equipment, computer equipment, communications equipment, police and fire department vehicles, and acquisition of property; construction of, improvements to, and major capital equipment for administrative facilities, including city hall, computer equipment and technology upgrades; and construction of, improvements to, and capital equipment for city parks and recreation facilities, including acquisition of property and construction of parks;

by the City of Remerton for purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of and improvements to road, street and bridge facilities, and acquisition of capital equipment; construction of and

improvements to water and sewer facilities, including, but not limited to acquisition of capital equipment and payment for services rendered in connection therewith; purchase of capital equipment for public safety and firefighting including, but not limited to public safety vehicles; and construction of, improvements and/or renovations to, or purchase of property for municipal facilities, and purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment related thereto;

by the City of Dasher for purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of and improvements to parks and recreation facilities including land development, capital equipment and infrastructure; construction of and improvements to community culture, history, Museum and Library; development of plans, construction and improvements to sewage and/or water distribution systems for the City of Dasher; and construction of and improvements to streets, roads and bridges;

by the City of Lake Park for purposes of capital outlay projects, including major permanent, long-lived improvements or betterments and major capital equipment, consisting of: construction of and improvements to road, street and bridge facilities, sidewalks, bicycle/cart paths and trails, including acquisition of rights of way, improvement of surface-water drainage, widening, resurfacing, leveling and other repairs for preservation of road, street and bridge facilities; construction of and improvements to water and sewer facilities; construction of and major capital equipment for public work facilities, including maintenance building facilities, service vehicles and maintenance equipment and acquisition of property for construction of a maintenance building; improvements to and major capital equipment for public safety facilities, including police and firefighting and rescue equipment, computer equipment, communications equipment, and police and fire department vehicles; improvements to and major capital equipment for administrative facilities, including improvements to city hall, computer equipment and technology upgrades; and improvements to and capital equipment for city parks and recreation facilities, including acquisition of property, construction of parks and renovation and restoration of civic center and other historic structures.

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Lowndes County in the principal amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of and equipping a new library facility and parks and recreation facilities and the costs of issuing such debt."

If approved by the voters, part of the proceeds of the tax will be used for the payment of general obligation debt to be issued by Lowndes County in conjunction with the imposition of the tax secured by the tax. The principal amount of the debt to be issued shall be \$20,000,000. The purpose for which the debt is to be issued is to finance a portion of the costs of the acquisition and construction of and equipping a new library facility and parks and recreation facilities and the costs of issuing such debt. The maximum interest rate which such debt is to bear is 5.5 percent per annum. The amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt is \$3,235,000 in 2015, \$3,270,000 in 2016, \$3,305,000 in 2017, \$3,345,000 in 2018, \$3,395,000 in 2019, and \$3,450,000 in 2020.

The special election will be held on November 6, 2012.

All persons who are not registered to vote, and who desire to register to vote, in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on October 8, 2012. Advance voting will be held at the offices of the Lowndes County Board of Elections, 2208 North Oak Street, Valdosta, Georgia, beginning October 15, 2012. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day.

This 7th day of August, 2012.

Election Superintendent
County of Lowndes