

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: GEMA Sheltering Memorandum of Agreement

DATE OF MEETING: January 24, 2017

BUDGET IMPACT: None

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Regular Meeting (X)
- Work Session (X)
- Recommendation ()
- Policy/Discussion ()
- Report ()
- Other ()

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: GEMA Sheltering Memorandum of Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has developed a plan for the sheltering of evacuees from Coastal Georgia and/or Florida in the event those areas are threatened by a hurricane. As part of their plan they have identified several inland counties that could possibly serve as host sites for sheltering the evacuees. Lowndes County was chosen as one of these host counties. This agreement outlines the responsibilities on the part of GEMA and Lowndes County with regards to sheltering. As part of the original agreement executed in 2011, GEMA provided Lowndes County with a trailer and a small cache of sheltering supplies to be used in the event that sheltering is needed. Exhibit A is a list of the items previously received. Lowndes County is responsible for storage and transportation of the equipment when needed. This agreement is a continuation of the original agreement and the equipment maintained will be utilized to supplement the current plans and agreements already in place with the American Red Cross. The only significant change to this agreement over previous agreements is the length of terms. Previously these agreements were entered into on a year to year basis however, with this agreement GEMA is requesting a four-year term in order to reduce the need to sign a new agreement on such a frequent basis when the agreement terms do not change.

- OPTIONS: 1. Authorize Chairman to sign and execute the MOA between Lowndes County and GEMA.
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1.

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____