

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Appointment of Part-time Associate Probate Court Judge
DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2015

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

BUDGET IMPACT \$ 41,986 (annually)
FUNDING SOURCE
(x) Annual
() Capital

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointment of Part-time Associate Probate Court Judge

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

Georgia statute authorizes probate court judges to appoint associate judges of the probate court on a full-time or part-time basis subject to approval of the governing authority of the county. Associate probate court judges serve at the pleasure of the judge of probate court.

Georgia statute provides the compensation of an associate probate court judge shall be fixed by the probate court judge subject to approval of the governing authority of the county. Salary and any employment benefits of an associate probate court judge shall be paid from county funds.

Judge McDowell desires to appoint, beginning November 2015 and for no more than the remainder of her term through December 2016, a part-time associate judge of the Probate Court of Lowndes County, to work on a one-half time basis, with the appointed associate judge's salary to be one-half of the salary of the elected judge of the Probate Court, which one-half amount is \$38,765. The budget impact amount includes employer taxes and worker's compensation.

OPTIONS:


1. Approve Judge McDowell's appointment of a half-time associate probate court judge, beginning November 2015 and for no more than the remainder her term through December 2016, at a salary equal to one-half the salary of the elected probate court judge, which one-half amount is \$38,765
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

Department Head: Joe Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____