

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

DATE OF MEETING: March 22, 2016

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: In 2012, Lowndes County entered into a statewide mutual aid agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and each of the other 158 counties in Georgia. This previous agreement was to remain in effect for a 4 year period and expired on March 1, 2016. GEMA has provided an updated mutual aid agreement with similar terms. This agreement serves as the formal framework which allows Lowndes County to provide assistance to other local governments when requested. Since it is a reciprocal agreement it also provides Lowndes County with the mechanism to request assistance in the case of a situation that overwhelms local resources or requires resources that the County does not otherwise have available. It also establishes GEMA as the State's coordinating entity for mutual aid resources. The only substantive change to this agreement over previous versions is the addition of two attachments for the purpose of designating officials that are authorized to request outside resources on behalf of the county as well as identifying those individuals authorized to make purchases or obligate the county to provide reimbursement for resources requested.

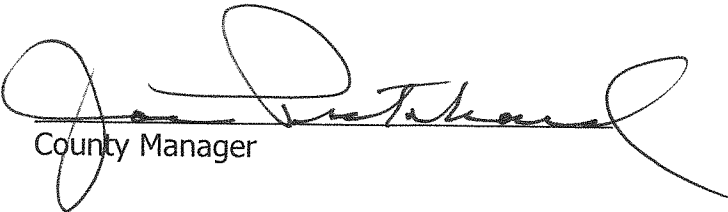
- OPTIONS: 1. Approve the agreement including the list of designated officials and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement.
2. Board's pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

Department Head: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____