

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSED AGENDA  
WORK SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.  
REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 5:30 p.m.  
327 N. Ashley Street - 2nd Floor

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag**
4. **I Love Public Schools Day Joint Proclamation (Work Session)**
5. **Acknowledgement Of Lowndes County Probation's Annual Audit (Work Session)**
6. **Dr. Lucy Greene - Moody Support (Regular Session)**
7. **Minutes For Approval**
  - a. Work Session - December 8, 2025 & Regular Session - December 9, 2025
8. **Appointment**
  - a. Lowndes County Board Of Health

Documents:  
[LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH APPT..PDF](#)
9. **For Consideration**
  - a. Set Qualifying Fees

Documents:  
[SET QUALIFYING FEES 2026.PDF](#)
  - b. Appointment Of Felicia Williams To Board Of Tax Assessors

Documents:  
[APPOINTMENT OF FELICIA WILLIAMS TO BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS.PDF](#)
  - c. Acceptance Of FY2026 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

Documents:

ACCEPTANCE OF FY2026 JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY  
PREVENTION GRANT.PDF

- d. Approval Of The Solicitor General's FY26 VOCA Grant Award AW-  
VOCA-25-071-012

Documents:

APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL FY26 VOCA GRANT  
AWARD.PDF

- e. Approval Of DA's FY 2026 VOCA Grant Application Renewal Sub-Grant  
Number: AW-VOCA-25-071-012 Federal Amount: \$137,368

Documents:

APPROVAL OF DA FY 2026 VOCA GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL.PDF

- f. Acceptance Of Infrastructure For Knights Landing Phase IV Section I

Documents:

ACCEPTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR KNIGHTS LANDING.PDF

- g. Acceptance Of Infrastructure For Colbie Place Subdivision

Documents:

ACCEPTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COLBIE PLACE  
SUBDIVISION.PDF

- h. FY 2026 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application

Documents:

FY 2026 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT  
APPLICATION.PDF

- i. Transportation Investment Act (TIA) - Hickory Grove Road Widening And  
Skipper Bridge Road Widening

Documents:

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT - HICKORY GROVE ROAD  
WIDENING AND SKIPPER BRIDGE ROAD WIDENING.PDF

- j. Transportation Investment Act (TIA) - Val Del Road Widening Local  
Agreement

Documents:

k. PI 0016280, Just Compensation, Twin Lakes Road Right Of Way Parcel 3

Documents:

[PI 0016280, JUST COMPENSATION, TWIN LAKES ROAD RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL 3.PDF](#)

l. Abandonment Of Grice Road

Documents:

[ABANDONMENT OF GRICE ROAD.PDF](#)

10. **Bid**

a. Lakes Blvd Water Meter Relocation

Documents:

[LAKES BLVD WATER METER RELOCATION.PDF](#)

11. **Reports - County Manager**

12. **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard-Please State Your Name And Address**

13. **Adjournment**

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lowndes County Board of Health

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Appointing/Reappointing a Member

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The term of Dr. Frances Brown expired December 31, 2025. Dr. Brown has expressed a desire to continue to serve on the board.

OPTIONS: 1. Appoint/reappoint a member.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Set Qualifying Fees

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Set Qualifying Fees

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: State statute requires the governing authority of any county or municipality, not later than February 1, of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held, shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county or municipal office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election.

**County Office:** County Commissioner

**Qualifying Fee:** \$450.00

OPTIONS: 1. Set and publish qualifying fees as required by law and approve the resolution.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Appointment of Felicia Williams to Board of Tax Assessors

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$ - 0 -  
FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Order Appointing Ms. Felicia Williams

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: At the Board's December 9, 2025, meeting, the Board voted to reappoint Felicia Williams to the Board of Tax Assessors. To follow up that vote, OCGA § 48-5-290(c) requires an "order" of the Board of Commissioners making an appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors shall be entered upon the record of the superior court.

A proposed order that Ms. Williams has been and is appointed is attached. This order also specifies that Ms. Williams is appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Order appointing Ms. Williams.  
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Paige Dukes

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2026 Juvenile Justice Delinquency  
Prevention Grant

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: No local match is required, resulting in no impact to the County budget. This is a 100% reimbursable grant, and all eligible program costs will be reimbursed to the County following submission of appropriate documentation.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- CJCC Funding - \$50,000.00
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval to accept and activate the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant Award.

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

Earlier this year, staff submitted a request for continuation funding under the Delinquency Prevention Grant. This grant program was initially awarded in April 2022 to support the implementation of evidence-based programs and prevention strategies for youth who are first-time offenders, diverted from the juvenile justice system, or charged with a status offense and identified as at risk. Lowndes County utilized this funding to implement the Strengthening Families Program (SFP).

The County was recently notified that it has been awarded \$50,000.00 in continuation funding for the Strengthening Families Program. This amount will support the delivery of two (2) SFP cohorts during the upcoming grant year. Each cohort includes a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of twelve (12) youth and their families.

SFP is a nationally and internationally recognized, evidence-based family skills training program designed for both high-risk and general population families. Parents and youth attend weekly classes together, beginning with separate parent and youth sessions focused on parenting, communication, life skills, and refusal skills, followed by a joint family practice session.

This award represents the final year of the current five-year continuation funding cycle. While Lowndes County remains eligible to apply for future funding, the continuation model will end after this funding cycle, which concludes on September 30, 2026. Beginning next cycle, the grant program will shift to a competitive application process, and future awards are not guaranteed. Approval of this item will allow the County to complete the current funding cycle and position itself for a competitive application next year, should the Board elect to pursue continued support for SFP.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize the Chairman to sign all award documents, including the agreement with Peaceway Counseling for the provision of Strengthening Families Program services.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ashley Tye

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of the Solicitor General's FY26 VOCA Grant Award  
AW-VOCA-25-071-012

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$33,232.00 Cash Match

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual \$33,232.00 Cash Match
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval of SG's FY26 VOCA Grant Award AW-VOCA-25-071-012

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Solicitor-General's Office has been a recipient of the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 2014. This grant is vital in sustaining the Victim Services Program as it funds two full time Victim Advocates. The Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) has informed the SG's Office that the FY26 VOCA Award will be in the amount of \$75,020.00 which is the same amount as last year. The county would be required to provide a cash match of \$33,232.00 which is also the same amount as last year. The performance period for this grant runs from October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026. The SG's office requests the board's approval of the FY26 VOCA Grant Award and permission for the Chairman to sign all necessary documents to be included in the award packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve SG's FY26 VOCA Grant Award AW-VOCA-25-071-012.  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Solicitor-General

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justo C. Cabral, III

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Approval of DA's FY 2026 VOCA Grant Application Renewal  
Sub-Grant Number: AW-VOCA-25-071-012 Federal Amount:  
\$137,368

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: Zero Impact on County  
FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: VOCA Funded VWAP Continuation Grant

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The District Attorney's Office of the Southern Circuit has been a recipient of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds since 1997. The VOCA funds, combined with the 5% victim fees, provide the financial support for the Victim Services provided by the DA to all five counties. The grant is funneled through Lowndes County, rather than all five counties, for simplification and efficiency purposes. This grant, along with the 5% funds, allow the DA to provide victim services utilizing funds paid by federal and state defendants and not taxpayers. We also request, for efficiency, that the Commission execute a letter authorizing the District Attorney to sign any and all future paperwork pertaining to this VOCA Continuation Grant. (Sample Letter Attached)

OPTIONS: 1. Approve VOCA Grant Application of the District Attorney  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: District Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Bradfield M. Shealy

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Infrastructure for Knights Landing Phase IV  
Section I

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of Infrastructure for Knights Landings Phase  
IV Section I

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Knights Landings Phase IV Section I is located off Bemiss Knights Academy Road at the end of Duchess Court and includes 39 residential lots. All construction and paperwork have been completed. Engineering and Utilities staff have conducted the final inspection of the construction. The developer has requested Lowndes County to accept the infrastructure, which includes the roads and right of ways, easements, stormwater infrastructure, and utilities infrastructure.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Resolution for acceptance of infrastructure for Knights Landings Phase IV Section I.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Infrastructure for Colbie Place Subdivision

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Acceptance of Infrastructure for Colbie Place Subdivision

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Colbie Place Subdivision is located off of River Road and includes 54 residential lots. All construction and paperwork have been completed. Engineering and Utilities staff have conducted the final inspection of the construction. The developer has requested Lowndes County to accept the infrastructure, which includes the roads and right of ways, stormwater infrastructure, and utilities infrastructure.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Resolution for acceptance of Infrastructure for Colbie Place Subdivision.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY 2026 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG)  
Application

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FY 2026 LMIG Application

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: As a part of the Georgia Department of Transportation LMIG Grant Program, Lowndes County has been allocated \$1,546,704.65 for FY 2026. As a part of this grant program, Lowndes County will be responsible for a minimum 10% match in local funding, which is allocated in SPLOST VIII. The grant money is being proposed to be used for drainage improvements on Lake Alapaha Boulevard and resurfacing/restriping the roads listed in the attachment in the board packet.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the FY 2026 LMIG application.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) - Hickory Grove Road  
Widening and Skipper Bridge Road Widening

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Hickory Grove Road Widening & Skipper Bridge Road  
Widening Agreement

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Board approved submitting the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Government Application for project delivery at the December 9, 2025 commission meeting. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approved the application and sent staff the Local Delivery Agreement to be approved. The Local Delivery Agreement is required to be executed prior to beginning work. Once the agreement has been executed, a written Notice to Proceed from GDOT is also required prior to beginning any project phase.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) - Val Del Road  
Widening Local Agreement

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Val Del Road Widening Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Board approved submitting the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Government Application for project delivery at the December 9, 2025 commission meeting. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approved the application and sent staff the Local Delivery Agreement to be approved. The Local Delivery Agreement is required to be executed prior to beginning work. Once the agreement has been executed, a written Notice to Proceed from GDOT is also required prior to beginning any project phase.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: PI 0016280, Just Compensation, Twin Lakes Road Right of Way Parcel 3

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

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BUDGET IMPACT: \$12,400.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: PI 0016280, Just Compensation, Twin Lakes Road Right of Way Parcel 3

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: For purposes of the Twin Lakes TSPLOST project, the County needs to acquire from the owners of Parcel 3 (i.e., tax parcel 0171 090) certain areas of fee simple ROW totaling 0.15 +/- acres in the aggregate, plus 0.07 +/- acres for a drainage easement. Parcel 3 is owned by Virginia G. Tyson, Charles F. Hobby, and Nancy G. Hobby. Staff has attempted to negotiate the purchase of the Right of Way and Drainage Easement from the owners, but no agreement has been reached. To avoid delays with the underlying project, staff has determined that acquisition by condemnation may be required.

An initial step in the condemnation process is the determination of just compensation for the property being acquired. Kristen Johnson with Kunes Real Estate & Appraisals has prepared an appraisal that values the proposed taking at \$12,400.00, consisting of \$1,200.00 for the ROW areas, \$280.00 for the drainage easement, \$2,851.00 for the loss of existing fencing within the ROW areas, and \$8,040.00 for installation of new fencing.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the attached resolution establishing \$12,400.00 as just compensation for the subject property and authorize a prompt offer of such amount to the owners of Parcel 3.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of Grice Road

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of Grice Road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The county has received a request to abandon Grice Road. Grice Road begins at the intersection of Newsome Road, then south to a dead end.

The request came from Floyd Dale Grice, who owns the property at 3532 Grice Road. All parcels are part of the Grice family.

On December 9, 2025, the Board tabled the request to the Board's first meeting in January for further review and evaluation.

Staff and the County Attorney continue to review and evaluate the request.

OPTIONS: 1. Table.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Lakes Blvd Water Meter Relocation

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2026

BUDGET IMPACT: \$63,801.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Lakes Blvd Water Meter Relocation

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County is expanding its water service area on Lakes Blvd in order to meet commercial development needs in the area. This will require the water meter between the City of Lake Park and Lowndes County to be relocated. Staff advertised the project and three bids were received; James Warren & Associates \$63,801.00, Killeen Construction Company \$66,737.00, and RPI, Inc. \$76,100.00. Staff recommends approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with James Warren & Associates for \$63,801.00.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Steve Stalvey

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: