

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Service Delivery
DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT \$ - 0 -
FUNDING SOURCE
 Annual
 Capital
 N/A

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: SDS Agreement

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

In September 2019, Chairman Slaughter delivered to each of the Mayors a proposed revised SDS Agreement. It included a Joint Resolution, SDS Agreement (with Special Provisions), and DCA Forms.

Dasher accepted this revision without changes. Hahira, Remerton, and Lake Park did not suggest any changes. Valdosta suggested only one change. It was to the Special Provision in the SDS Agreement regarding water and sewer services.

Based on these responses, the only issue left to be resolved was the Special Provision in the SDS Agreement regarding water and sewer services.

Valdosta's proposed Special Provision regarding water and sewer services was not acceptable to the County.

It did not comply with the SDS law. It would have eliminated water and sewer service areas for commercial and industrial properties, created duplication of service, and created unnecessary competition between providers of these services.

In addition, Valdosta's proposed revision would have frustrated the County's ability to plan and make expansions of its water and sewer systems and harmed unincorporated area residents and property owners, in part by forcing unincorporated area property owners to annex their property to receive public water and sewer services.

On December 31, 2019, Commissioners Evans, Griner, and Orenstein met with Valdosta Council Members Sonny Vickers and Andy Gibbs. During that meeting, they agreed on the following alternative Special Provision for water and sewer services: