

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated this request is the ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency Program renewal for 2026. The renewal provides comprehensive blanket coverage for property and liability insurance. The annual renewal amount is \$1,177,284.00; the renewal includes a safety credit discount of \$61,962.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked about the safety credits, Mr. Beals answered the safety credit is received due to different programs, such as defensive driving, being offered to staff.

Axon Renewal Contract for Animal Services

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this is a five-year contract renewal with Axon in the amount of \$37,141.49 for the body cameras currently being used by animal control. Mrs. Dukes noted that since implementing these cameras, there has been a significant improvement in court outcomes related to compliance, as well as enhanced officer safety. Commissioner Marshall asked if the Sheriff's Office also uses these body cameras, Mrs. Dukes confirmed that they do.

Lowndes County Accountability Court Grant Approval and Cash Match

Lowndes County Accountability Court Representative, Geoffrey Martin, presented the item on behalf of Jennifer Fabbri, Director of Southern Circuit Accountability Courts. Mr. Martin stated the Lowndes County Accountability Court is funded through a reimbursable state grant. The Lowndes County Accountability Court must secure a cash match for Lowndes County in the amount of \$35,437.44, which is fifteen percent for fiscal year 2026. Commissioner Marshall inquired about the personnel line item, specifically regarding the mention of fringe benefits. Mr. Martin clarified that this refers to health insurance benefits. Commissioner Marshall suggested that the wording be revised from fringe benefits to health benefits for clarity. Commissioner Smith asked how long it takes for someone to graduate. Mr. Martin answered the shortest amount of time is eighteen months.

Lowndes County DUI Court FY 26 Grant Award

State Court Judge, Ellen Golden, presented a request to renew the State Court's DUI Accountability Court Grant. Judge Golden stated her office has received a grant in the amount of \$156,033.00, for the upcoming fiscal year that requires a fifteen percent match in the amount of \$27,535.00. Judge Golden further stated Lowndes County DUI Court is requesting a total amount of \$42,404.00 for the 2025-2026 grant period. This additional amount is needed for a portion of the surveillance officer's salary as well as a portion of the treatment costs, transportation and drug testing supplies and Reconnect, the call-in service used for random drug screens or weekend drug testing incurred annually. Judge Golden stated there have been a total of 109 graduates since 2017 with 24 currently enrolled in the program. Commissioner Smith asked about the capacity of this program. Judge Golden answered 30. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there were reentries into this program; Judge Golden answered yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the percentage. Judge Golden answered she was unsure, but stated Lowndes County has been recertified by the Council of Accountability Court Judges.

Valdosta Housing Authority Request for Loan

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the Valdosta Housing Authority has renewed and revised its prior request for the County to make a loan to the Authority in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Mrs. Dukes stated this is not a new request, this is a renewal of the request. The terms of the Authority's revised request are set forth in the attached proposed Promissory Note. The