

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Called Meeting Administration Building August 25, 2022, 11:00 AM

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. EXP Presentation
 - i. EXP Presentation
- 3. Resolution 2022-13 BOC Millage Rate
 - i. Resolution 2022-13 BOC Millage Rate
- 4. Resolution 2022-14 LOST Millage Rate
 - i. Resolution 2022-14 LOST Millage Rate
- 5. Resolution 2022-15 BOE Millage Rate
 - i. Resolution 2022-15 BOE Millage Rate
- 6. Resolution 2022-16 BOE Bond Repayment
 - i. Resolution 2022-16 BOE Bond Repayment
- 7. LOST Negotiations between the Cities
 - i. LOST NEGOTIATIONS RESOLUTION 2022-17
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Round Table
- 10. Executive Session
 - i. Real Estate
 - ii. Litigation
 - iii. Personnel
- 11. Adjournment

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), effective ______, is made between Lamar County, Georgia, incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia with an office at 408 Thomaston Street, Suite E, Barnesville, Ga., 30204 ("Owner") and **exp** U.S. Services Inc., incorporated pursuant to the laws of Delaware with an office at 268 Ceburn Kicklighter Rd., Reidsville, GA 30453 ("exp").

WHEREAS Owner wishes to retain the Consultant to provide consulting services described herein to the Owner, on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and subject to the terms contained in the Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. SERVICES

The Owner retains the Consultant to provide a Master Network Maintenance Plan for entire county paved network of roads in a 3-phase process for on all Lamar County owned paved roads (270.509 miles) as detailed in Schedule A.

2. **REMUNERATION**

In consideration of the provision of the Services by the Consultant, the Owner agrees to pay the Consultant the rates in the amount set forth in Schedule A ("Fees").

The Consultant shall submit invoice once the work has been completed and submitted. The Owner shall notify the Consultant within seven (7) days receipt of the invoice if it disputes any portion of the invoice. The Owner shall pay the undisputed portion of each invoice submitted to it within thirty (30) days of receipt. If the invoice is not paid within thirty (30) days, interest shall accrue on any overdue amounts at a rate of 1% per month, (12%) per year.

3. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

In providing the Services, the Consultant shall act as an independent contractor and only to the extent and for the specific purpose described in this Agreement. Neither the Consultant nor any of its directors, officers, employees or agents shall be construed as agents or employees of the Owner.

4. PERMITS, UTILITIES AND ACCESS

The Owner shall apply for and obtain all required permits and licenses required for the Project unless provided otherwise in the Consultant's proposal.

The Owner shall provide the Consultant with the available location of all underground utilities and structures in the vicinity of the work area. The Consultant and Owner shall use their best efforts and due diligence to allow the Services to be completed which includes, but not limited to, providing access to the work site and conducting work underground.

5. STANDARD OF CARE

The Consultant shall perform the Services with a level of skill and care consistent with the procedures, protocols and practices generally accepted in the Consultant's profession for use by practitioners in similar engagements. The Consultant will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Services in

accordance with all relevant local, provincial and federal laws, regulations, codes, guidelines and standards that are applicable at the time the Consultant provides the Services, and shall not be liable to the Owner for failure to do so unless such noncompliance is due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Consultant.

Employees or other persons retained by the Consultant to perform the Services will have the necessary skills, training and qualifications to provide the Services in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

The Consultant has the power and authority to enter into and carry out all of its obligations under this Agreement.

6. OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All information, material and Intellectual Property Rights, as defined herein, acquired, developed or prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Owner upon full payment of the Services performed. The Owner releases the Consultant from liability and agrees to defend, indemnify, protect and hold harmless the Consultant from any and all claims, liability, damages or expenses arising, in whole or in part, from unauthorized use. "Intellectual Property Rights" means any copyright, trademark, patent, registered design, design right, topography right, service mark, application to register any of the rights, trade secrets, rights in unpatented know-how, right of confidence and any other intellectual or industrial property right of any nature whatsoever in any part of the world.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Consultant shall use reasonable efforts to maintain confidential and secure, all material, information and documentation provided to the Consultant, whether obtained directly or indirectly from the Owner, or belonging to the Owner and in the possession or under the control of the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. Such confidentiality obligation shall not apply if such material, information or documentation is within the public domain, previously known to the Consultant, obtained from third parties without violating any confidential agreement or required to be produced by the Consultant pursuant to any law or court order. In the event that any material, information or documentation is required by the Consultant as stated above, the Consultant shall promptly give notice to the Owner.

8. REPORTS

The Owner agrees that any use of or reliance upon any report prepared by the Consultant or its subconsultants (collectively "Report") by a third party are the responsibility of the third party. The Consultant accepts no responsibility for any damages that may be suffered by the third party as a result of decisions made or action taken based upon the Report.

The Owner agrees that the Report is prepared for the account and benefit of the Owner and that the material in the Report will reflect the Consultant's best judgment in light of the information made available to it by the Owner at the time of the preparation of the Report.

The Consultant shall not be liable for the consequences of any amendments, revisions, modifications or alterations made by the Owner to the Report without the consent of the Consultant.

9. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

The Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Consultant, its officers, directors, employees and subconsultants against all damages, liabilities or costs (including legal fees) arising out of or in any way

connected with the Project, excepting those damages, liabilities or costs attributable to the negligent acts or omissions by the Consultant or those parties for whom the Consultant is responsible at law.

The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, its officers, directors, employees and agents against all damages, liabilities or costs (including legal fees) to the extent arising out of or in any way connected with the Services under this Agreement, excepting those damages, liabilities or costs attributable to the negligent acts or omissions by the Owner or those parties for whom it is responsible at law.

The Consultant shall have no liability for the activities of any contractor, subcontractor, supplier or their respective employees or agents on the Project unless retained by the Consultant.

In no event will either party be liable to the other for such other party's loss of profit and lost revenues or for any special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages arising out of this agreement.

10. <u>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>

In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of the project to both the Owner and Consultant, the parties agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to limit the aggregate liability of Consultant, its parent, affiliates and subcontractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, to \$50,000 or the remuneration for the Services, whichever is greater. This limitation of liability shall apply to all suits, claims, actions, losses, costs and damages of any nature, including but not limited to legal fees and expenses, arising from or related to this Agreement without regard to the legal theory under which such liability is imposed.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Owner shall be responsible for the environmental condition of the Project. The Owner shall be responsible for and promptly pay for the removal and lawful disposal of contaminants, hazardous materials, asbestos, samples and cuttings unless otherwise agreed in writing. The discovery of such conditions on the Project shall result in the issuance of a change order to the extent that the Services are impacted.

12. FORCE MAJEURE

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, failure or delay in performance by either party of any term of this Agreement shall be excused to the extent caused by an event beyond such party's reasonable control, provided the party: (i) notifies the other in writing as soon as reasonably possible; (ii) provides reasonable detail of the commencement and nature of such a cause; and (iii) uses its best efforts to render performance in a timely manner utilizing to such end all resources reasonably required in the circumstances, including obtaining supplies or services from other sources if same are reasonably available.

13. INSURANCE

The Consultant shall maintain the following insurance policies for the duration of the Agreement:

Professional Liability Insurance - for errors and omissions in the performance or failure to perform professional services contemplated in this Agreement, in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate;

Commercial General Liability Insurance – in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate.

The Owner shall be named as an additional insured on the Commercial General Liability Insurance policy as its interest may appear.

14. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall first be resolved by taking the following steps. A successive step shall be taken if the issue is not resolved at the preceding step: (i) by negotiation between the technical and contractual personnel for each party; (ii) by negotiation between executive management of each party; (iii) by mediation; (iv) by arbitration if both parties agree; and (v) through the courts in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

15. TERMINATION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, in whole or in part, by providing written notice of termination to the other party. Except as otherwise mutually agreed by the Owner and the Consultant, termination shall be effective immediately on notice being received if termination is made by one party where the other party is in material breach of its obligations in this Agreement and otherwise thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice. The Owner shall compensate the Consultant for work properly performed (including demobilization) and reasonable expenditures incurred in connection with this Agreement up to and including the date of any such termination.

16. NOTICES

Any notice or other communication required to be given under the Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by courier, fax, email or registered mail, addressed as follows:

If to Owner:

Lamar County, Georgia

408 Thomaston Street, Suite E Barnesville, GA 30204

Attention: Mr. Sean Townsend, County Administrator

If to Consultant: Exp US Services Inc. 268 Ceburn Kicklighter Road Reidsville, GA 30453

Attention: Mr. Steve Martin, Vice President

If delivered by courier, fax or email, any such notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been given and received on the day on which it was delivered or transmitted (or, if such day is not a business day, on the next following business day). If mailed, any such notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been given and received on the third business day following the date of mailing; provided, however, that if at the time of mailing or within three business days thereafter a labour dispute or other event occurs, which might reasonably be expected to disrupt the delivery of documents by mail, any notice or other communication made under this Agreement shall be delivered or transmitted by fax as provided in this section.

A party to this Agreement may change its address for the purpose of this Section by giving the other party notice of such change of address in the manner provided in this Section.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

Neither party shall assign its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement will be effective or binding unless it is in writing and signed by the party purporting to give such waiver and, unless otherwise provided, will be limited to the specific breach waived.

This Agreement includes the attached Schedules A and B embodies the entire agreement with regard to the Services. This Agreement supersedes any understanding or agreement, collateral, oral or otherwise, existing between the parties at the date of execution.

All paragraphs, terms and conditions of this Agreement are severable, and the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any such paragraph, term or condition shall be deemed not to affect the validity, enforceability or legality of the remaining paragraphs, terms and conditions.

No additions, deletions or modifications to the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless agreed to in writing by both parties.

The headings preceding the provisions of this Agreement have been inserted for convenient reference only and shall not be deemed to affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

All representations, warranties and covenants of the Consultant and the Owner including any indemnity, shall survive indefinitely the termination of this Agreement.

If there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and any Schedule to this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Project is located.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement.

Lamar County Georgia		
Ву:		
Title: County Administrator		
I have authority to bind the county		
EXP US Services Inc.		
Ву:		
Title: Vice President		

I have the authority to bind the corporation

SCHEDULE A

Scope and Fees

EXP US Services Inc. will provide Master Network Maintenance Plan (with 3-phases) for all county owned paved roads (270.509 miles) for a strategic approach in selection of roadway projects with the goal of providing increased Level of Service to Lamar County residents while promoting the overall service life of roadway network (scope of project detailed below) not to exceed total fee of \$8,750.

Deliverables include the following items:

EXP will provide services as follows:

- **Provide a 3-phase strategic approach master plan** with recommendation of treatment for each project to improve health of Lamar County paved network
- Excel spreadsheet labeled with each phase and individual project
- Estimated construction cost for each project
- Incorporate pavement preservation techniques to extend the service life of routes
- Overall network grade (existing and showing how plan changes network score after each phase of the master plan)

Any additional services will be provided at rates detailed in Schedule B.

Additional Services

If additional services are required that are in addition to the scope of services, they will be billed on an hourly basis. The following rates will be used depending on the personnel classification during regular working hours. Overtime rates for some classifications will be charged at time and a half. These rates will applicable through December 31, 2022 and will be automatically increased by 5% beginning January 1, 2023 and every year after. All invoices for time billed after December 31, 2022 will reflect 2023 rates.

Position	Rate
Position	Rate
Project Principal	.\$300.00
Project Manager	\$265.00
Senior Engineer	
Engineer 2	.\$160.00
Engineer 1	
Structural Project Manager	\$245.00
Senior Structural Engineer 2	
Structural Engineer 1	
Technician	
Technician Aide	
CEI Project Manager	
CEI Contract Support Specialist	
CEI Senior Inspector	
CEI Inspector 2	\$87.00
CEI Inspector 1	
CEI Inspector Aide	
Administrative Assistant	
Environmental Director	
Environmental Manager	\$190.00
Environmental Specialist 1	
Environmental Specialist 2	
Environmental Specialist 3	
Hydraulic/Drainage Project Manager	
GIS Administrator Lead	
GIS Administrator/Developer 1	
GIS Administrator/Developer 2	
GIS Administrator/Developer 3	
GIS Analyst/Technician 1	
GIS Analyst/Technician 2	
GIS Analyst/Technician 3	.\$120.00

Mileage will be billed based on standard IRS rates. Traffic Counter/Video Monitor \$10.00/day

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022 MILLAGE RATE FOR LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY CLERK TO FILE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Lamar County, Georgia ("County") is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to local residents; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to set its 2022 millage rate, has met all notice requirements, and has held all legally required hearings on same; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; and WHEREAS, the value of all taxable property in the County for 2022 as it appears on the digest thereof will be \$658,219,336; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the County and to the effective operation of the County to set the millage rate and to submit a report of the same to the Department of Revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, UPON MOTION BEING DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED:

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a millage rate of 11.005 mills for the 2022 tax year on all taxable property in the County, both within the unincorporated areas and municipalities located therein.
- 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to file any and all documents with the Department of Revenue or other

entities which are necessary to effectuate this Resolution and to record this Resolution in the official minutes of the County.

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

	CHARLES GLASS, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk	
(SEAL)	

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022 MILLAGE RATE FOR LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO LEVY SAME, AND TO ROLL-BACK SAID MILLAGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Georgia Code Section 48-8-80, et seq., a joint county and municipal sales and use tax was instituted in Lamar County, Georgia, and the municipalities located therein; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Georgia Code Section 48-8-80, et seq., all revenue realized by Lamar County and the participating municipalities located therein from said sales and use tax shall be applied against the local tax rate structures in such a way as to reduce the net amounts of the total ad valorem tax bills in Lamar County; and

WHEREAS, the gross millage rate for Lamar County for 2022 is 13.1583; and WHEREAS, Lamar County, both the unincorporated areas and the municipalities located therein, shall receive a 2.1533 mill roll-back for the local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the roll-back, the millage rate for Lamar County shall be reduced by 2.1533 mills leaving a net millage rate of 11.005 for 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, UPON MOTION BEING DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a net millage rate of 11.005 mills for the 2022 tax year on all taxable property in the County, both within the unincorporated areas and municipalities located therein.

	CHARLES GLASS, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk	
(SEAL)	

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022 M & O MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LAMAR BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO LEVY A TAX ON SAME

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution provides that "The board of education of each school system shall annually certify to its fiscal authority or authorities a school tax not greater than 20 mills per dollar for the support and maintenance of education. Said fiscal authority or authorities shall annually levy said tax upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the territory served by said school system, provided that the levy made by an area board of education, which levy shall not be greater than 20 mills per dollar, shall be in such amount and within such limits as may be prescribed by local law applicable thereto."; and

WHEREAS, both the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court have determined that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the millage rate as recommended by the Board of Education.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Lamar County Board of Education, it is ordered that upon \$666,298,168, the net value of all property taxable for educational purposes in Lamar County as shown on the digest thereof, there be and hereby is levied a tax, ad valorem, on all property in Lamar County, real and personal, for the year 2022 for M & O educational purposes, in the amount of 15.101 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed valuation of the digest as aforesaid.

	CHARLES GLASS, Chairman
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ATTEST:	
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk	
(SEAL)	

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022 BOND REPAYMENT MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LAMAR BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO LEVY A TAX ON SAME

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution provides that "The board of education of each school system shall annually certify to its fiscal authority or authorities a school tax not greater than 20 mills per dollar for the support and maintenance of education. Said fiscal authority or authorities shall annually levy said tax upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the territory served by said school system, provided that the levy made by an area board of education, which levy shall not be greater than 20 mills per dollar, shall be in such amount and within such limits as may be prescribed by local law applicable thereto."; and

WHEREAS, both the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court have determined that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the millage rate as recommended by the Board of Education.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Lamar County Board of Education, it is ordered that upon \$666,298,168, the value of all property taxable for educational purposes in Lamar County as shown on the digest thereof, there be and hereby is levied a tax, ad valorem, on all property in Lamar County, real and personal, for the year 2022 for bond repayment purposes, in the amount of 1.50 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed valuation of the digest as aforesaid.

	CHARLES GLASS, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk	
(SEAL)	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA ("COUNTY") TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX ("LOST") PROCEEDS; AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING COUNTY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY, AS NECESSARY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, 1983, to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other governments; and

WHEREAS, the County and the municipalities in Lamar County have reached an agreement for the distribution of LOST proceeds as provided on the Certificate of Distribution attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. <u>Acceptance of Certificate of Distribution of LOST proceeds.</u> The County does hereby accept the Certificate of Distribution of LOST proceeds attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".
- 2. <u>Approval of Execution.</u> The Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the Certificate of Distribution of LOST Proceeds attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is further authorized and directed to execute all necessary documentation to effectuate this resolution.
- 3. <u>Documents.</u> The County Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.
- 4. <u>Severability.</u> To the extent any portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

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5.	-	are inconsistent here	All resolutions are hereby repealed with.
6.	Effective Date.	This Resolution shall	take effect immediately.
	THIS RESOLUTI	ON adopted this <u>25th</u>	day of August, 2022.
			s Glass, Chairman, Board of ssioners of Lamar County, Georgia
Attes	t:		
Carle	ette Davidson, Cour	aty Clerk	

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EXHIBIT "A"



CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO: State Revenue Commissioner

Pursuant to an Act of the Georgia General Assembly, effective January 1, 1980, relating to Local Sales & Use Taxes, the governing authorities for the qualifying municipalities and the county located within the special district coterminous with the boundaries of Lamar County hereby certify that the proceeds of the Joint County and Municipal Sales and Use tax generated in such district shall be distributed by the State Revenue Commissioner:

As follows for the distributions occurring after January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2032:

City of Barnesville shall receive 38% City of Milner shall receive 4% City of Aldora shall receive 1% County of Lamar shall receive 57%

This certificate shall continue in effect until such time as a new certificate shall be executed as provided in said Act.

By executing this schedule, the county and cities, acting through their respective officers, represent that all municipalities lying wholly or partly in the tax jurisdiction have been given an opportunity to show that they are 'qualified municipalities,' as that term is used in the Act, and that all municipalities listed herein as recipients are 'qualified' and so may receive distribution from the proceeds of the tax.

Executed on behalf of the governing authorities of the qualifying municipalities representing not less than a majority of the aggregate population of all qualifying municipalities located within the special district and the governing authority of the county, this ____ day of September, 2022.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARNESVILLE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MILNER

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALDORA

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAMAR COUNTY

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