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April 28, 2015

Mr. Harry Sanders, President
Lowndes County Board of Supervisors

RE: Small Arms Firing Range

Dear Harry:

As you know, you and I met with the Sheriff, the Columbus Police Chief and others a few weeks ago to discuss the operation and management of the new Small Arms Firing Range. Since then, the Police Chief and Sheriff have met and discussed the idea of joint management of the facility. Additionally, I have discussed this matter with each member of the Columbus City Council.

I am advising by this letter that it is the unanimous opinion of the Columbus City Council, and I totally agree with them, that the Small Arms Firing Range should be operated and managed by the City of Columbus.

We propose that Chief Tony Carleton assign an experienced, firing range-trained officer to manage the new facility, the City be responsible for maintenance, upkeep and utilities for the facility, and we will then bill the County for one-half (1/2) of all costs, including personnel costs, at the end of each fiscal year.

Please let me hear from you regarding this at your earliest convenience so I can instruct our City Attorney, Jeff Turnage, to begin work on the necessary MOU pertaining to all of the above. As always, I am

Sincerely,



Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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cc: City Council
Police Chief Tony Carleton
Hon. Jeff Turnage