

regarding contamination in the debris, Code Enforcement will leave door hangers to notify citizens why the debris wasn't removed. Mrs. Dukes stated that if citizens had permits which were 'in process' and the permit(s) are no longer needed, there will be a refund issued. Chairman Slaughter mentioned regarding the contractors removing the debris, they cannot go onto private property, the debris has to be on the right of way. Mr. Tye stated there are volunteer groups here in town, Crisis Clean Up and Samaritans Purse. Mr. Tye gave the example of Samaritans Purse, with Hurricane Idalia 686 people called in for help and with Hurricane Helene currently 2,030 people have asked for assistance. Vice Chairman Marshall asked about private haulers dumping on private property in Cherry Creek and asked the number of citations written. Mrs. Dukes answered she would get that information from Code Enforcement and Permits/Inspections. Vice Chairman Marshall asked regarding errors or mistakes made on the FEMA application, how would the citizens correct this matter? Mr. Tye responded by going to FEMA at the Disaster Recovery Center to speak with someone.

Mrs. Dukes mentioned that Austin Scott is in Homerville this morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Train Depot meeting with the farmers in Clinch County.

Georgia Forestry Presentation (Work Session)

Chief Ranger Ken Wells presented the Commission with an annual report for the 2023-2024 year detailing forestry operations in the region. Mr. Wells also mentioned that staff from Forestry also has been helping with the clean up process after Hurricane Helene. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Wells for the information and for Forestry's service to the community of Lowndes County especially during the cleanup process after Hurricane Helene.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Evans seconded. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.