

## **2025 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated as a part of the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement (LMIG) Grant Program, Lowndes County has been allotted \$1,366,958.46 for fiscal year 2025. Additionally, Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County will be responsible for a minimum ten percent match in local funding, which is allocated from SPLOST VIII. The grant money is proposed to be used for resurfacing the roads listed. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there is an upcoming list of roads which need restriping, Mr. McLeod answered there is a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) program which is used to restripe every two years, and there is an ongoing list. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if Old Clyattville Road was on the list, Mr. McLeod answered no, it is proposed to be bid for widening.

## **Lowndes County Local Bridge Replacement at Jumping Gully Road at Bevel Creek (0019937)**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has identified the bridge on Jumping Gully Road at Bevel Creek as a candidate for replacement in its Local Bridge Replacement Program. In this program the department will fund preliminary engineering, utility coordination and reimbursement, construction and a portion of the right of way phase. GDOT has designated the project as Tier 1 meaning Lowndes County would have a financial commitment of \$50,000.00. GDOT is asking for a response confirming support and the financial participation. Vice Chairman Marshall asked regarding a timeline, Mr. McLeod answered they have not provided one, but the utilities project list is slated for 2028. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding raising the bridge, Mr. McLeod responded there are no design parameters at this time.

## **Union Road Lift Station Pump Replacement**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Union Road Lift Station is on the north end of the county serving Creekside West and Frank's Creek subdivisions. This is a duplex station with 45hp pumps. One of the pumps is in need of major repair. The pump was examined by Xylem and to repair it would cost \$45,761.60 and to buy a new pump would cost \$51,196.00. Staff recommends to purchase a new replacement pump from Xylem for \$51,196.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if Xylem is the only vendor we utilize for repairs, Mr. Stalvey responded other vendors may be used depending on the horse power, Xylem is used and they are more affordable. Chairman Slaughter asked if Xylem is the manufacturer of the pump itself, Mr. Stalvey answered yes, that is correct.

## **GEFA Loan Modification**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County received a loan from Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a project to rehabilitate the sewer collection system and related appurtenances. This project has taken longer to complete than anticipated. After consulting with GEFA, it has been recommended that the loan be modified to extend the completion date to June 2026 for the manhole and lift station rehab. Staff recommends approval.

## **GEFA Loan DWLSL2023097 for Lead Service Line Inventory**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) offers funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, specifically for the lead service line inventory requirement. The lead service line inventory is a new requirement