

from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for all public water systems. This loan can be used for engineering, administration, service line investigation, potholing, devices and equipment. Lowndes County has been approved for a \$635,000.00 loan, with a 3.25% interest rate and a potential forgiveness of \$190,000.00, if all funds are used. Staff recommends approval.

Amendment #1 to Windstream Build Agreement

Assistant Finance Director, Rachel Bowen, presented the item. Mrs. Bowen stated Lowndes County was awarded a Broadband Expansion Infrastructure grant by the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget for the purpose of developing broadband facilities for Lowndes County citizens either underserved or unserved in our county. Since the initial Build Agreement between Lowndes County and Windstream went into effect, the U.S. Treasury has since provided updated guidance and conditions for this grant funding, which required an amendment to the grant agreement between the Office of Planning and Budget and Lowndes County itself. Amendment #1 to the Build Agreement between Lowndes County and Windstream is simply passing along the amended grant agreements and the amended requirements between the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget and the County and passing through our internet service provider Windstream. Staff recommends approval.

BID

Bid for Six Compact SUV Vehicles for Multiple Departments

Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, presented the item. Mrs. Woods stated Lowndes County solicited bids for a quantity of six new compact SUV's for the Public Works Department, Magistrate Court and the Inspections Department. These vehicles will be replacing older vehicles. Mrs. Woods stated three bids were received that met specifications, with Cass Burch submitting the low bid in the amount of \$160,122.00, for Jeep Compasses.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, welcomed Commissioner Michael Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Evans. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.