

government service with the Fire Department not being able to work out of this station. Staff worked with Kellerman Construction to obtain a proposal to complete the repairs at the station. Kellerman Construction proposed \$79,380.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the emergency repair as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **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 Grant (LMIG) 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 in your packets. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the grant application as presented, second by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **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. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **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 in the amount of \$51,196.00. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the purchase of a new replacement pump from Xylem in the amount of \$51,196.00, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **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. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **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