

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the initial term of Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman ended December 31, 2024. Mrs. Dukes stated per Georgia statute provides a vacancy on a board of tax assessors shall be immediately filled by appointment of the county governing authority. Per Georgia statute and Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment or reappointment of a successor to Mrs. Quarterman shall be for the remainder of a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman has expressed an interest in being reappointed and Mr. James Michael Tanner has also expressed an interest in being appointed. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Tanner could not be in attendance tonight, but there is an email from him with information for your review. Vice Chairperson Evans nominated Mr. Mike Tanner. Commissioner Marshall nominated Mrs. Gretchen Quarterman for reappointment. Vice Chairperson Evans and Commissioner Wisenbaker voted in favor of appointing Mr. Tanner. Commissioners Marshall and Smith voted in favor of reappointing Mrs. Quarterman. Chairman Slaughter voted to break the tie, with his vote being in favor of appointing Mr. Tanner. Mr. Tanner was appointed with his term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Commissioner Joyce Evans will expire January 31, 2025. Commissioner Evans has expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Commissioner Wisenbaker nominated Chairperson Joyce Evans for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Vice Chairperson Evans was reappointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Lisa Ash of Lisa's Billiards and Sports Bar, 5129 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, Georgia

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this request is for Lisa Ash of Lisa's Billiards and Sports Bar, formerly Lake Park Billiards Academy, and this is due to a change in ownership. Ms. Black stated this request is for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on premises. No one spoke for or against the request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the license, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Special Assessment Rate for 2025

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the Commission is required to set a special assessment rate every year to address paving and utility assessments that are not paid within ninety days. Ms. Black further stated the rate is based on two percent above prime, with the current prime rate being 7.5%; therefore, the rate for special assessments should be set at 9.5%. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the special assessment at 9.5% for 2025, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Elected Officials Using County Issued Purchase Cards and Credit Cards

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that in accordance with House Bill 192, the County is required to approve requests from county elected officials in order to be