

FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution Authorizing the Lowndes County Tax Commissioner to Receive Checks and Money Orders in Payment of Taxes and Licenses

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated at the request of the newly elected Tax Commissioner, Clay Guess, who is here in the audience, this resolution is being presented for your consideration and it is authorized by Georgia statute. Commissioner Marshall asked as far as technology and payment methods, Tax Commissioner Guess answered his office is reviewing a 'tap to pay' option to offer to the citizens.

A Resolution Electing Not to Require Mobile Home Decals

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated at the request of the Tax Commissioner, the resolution is being presented for consideration. It is authorized by Georgia statute. Issuing mobile homes decals creates an expense that does not assist the Tax Commissioner in identifying mobile homes for which the Tax Commissioner has not issued a mobile home location permit. Commissioner Marshall asked what the savings would be in doing away with this option, Chairman Slaughter answered this would be a convenience and benefit to the taxpayer.

Beer and Wine License - Manishkumar Patel of Kasumbal 2025 LLC, DBA Busy Food Mart, 6901 Bellville Road, Lake Park, GA

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this request is for a license to sale beer and wine for consumption off premises. This is due to a change in ownership.

New Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) Software

IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated Endpoint Detection and Response software replaced anti-virus many years ago. This is a new purchase and the request is to purchase Vendor A in the amount of \$44,800.00 per year, with a three-year commitment. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the vast difference in prices, Mr. Kostyu responded that the two larger quotes are Fortune 500 vendors and are not needed by our organization.

Whitewater Road Lift Station Pump

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Whitewater Road lift station is a triplex station on our trunk leading to the LAS. One of the older pumps is out of service. Mr. Stalvey stated the repair cost is seventy-five percent of the cost of a new pump. The new pump comes with a N-impeller which is on the other pumps and is \$46,446.52 from Xylem, Inc. Commissioner Smith asked regarding the warranty on the new pump, Mr. Stalvey answered it is a one-year warranty. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there is a core value on the older pump, Mr. Stalvey answered that sometimes parts can be used, but this being a much older pump, no parts can be used.

Acceptance of Hazard Mitigation Grant for Generators

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated in July 2019, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to complete and submit applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). These applications were for generators to provide emergency backup power to each of the five Pruitt Health facilities in Lowndes County. Mr. Tye stated at the time of this submission in 2019, FEMA allowed nursing homes to be eligible, but required local governments to be the applicant on their behalf. Mr. Tye stated Pruitt Health has agreed to provide any cost share over and above the federal and state funding amounts. Lowndes County received the notice and award letter on February 4, 2025. Commissioner Orenstein asked if