

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan Application for Lift Station & Manhole Rehab Project, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to apply for a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, to be used for utility projects. Mr. Stalvey stated there is a component which allows for forgiveness up to \$625,000.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if GEFA had given an interest rate, Mr. Stalvey responded no. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

GMASS Rural Land Maintenance Contract, Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating the commission heard from Mr. Hrobar, with the Assessor's Office, during the work session. No further discussion took place. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the contract with GMASS Rural Land Maintenance in the amount of \$6,000.00, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approve Purchase of West Savannah Avenue and Briggs Street Properties, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated the county has negotiated the purchase of two properties on West Savannah Avenue and one property on Briggs Street from the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for \$219,000.00. Commissioner Evans recused herself from the matter, as she serves as Chairwoman of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) Board. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchases, Vice Chairman Griner and Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed, Commissioner Evans recused. Motion carried.

Contract with Condrey and Associates, Inc., Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the contract in the amount of \$59,500.00, to provide a complete position classification and compensation plan study. Commissioner Marshall asked if any employees will not be included in this plan study, Mr. Beals responded all employees will be included. County Manager, Paige Dukes, responded there may be grant positions that the salaries are determined by those grants, that will not be included. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Tax Assessor Appointment Resolutions and Orders (Chairman Slaughter added this item at the regular session meeting), County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated on September 22, 2020, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners appointed Felicia Williams, Gretchen Quarterman and James Puckett to the Lowndes County Board of Assessors. Mrs. Dukes stated upon further research from our county attorney, there is a resolution and order that is required and is ready for your consideration. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Griner and Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated there is a suicide awareness event being held Wednesday, February 24th at Martin Stadium, featuring Kevin Hines and Lowndes County is proud to sponsor this event. Mrs. Dukes introduced Mrs. Meghan Barwick, the County's Public Information Officer and