

Slaughter stated he did not have an issue with proceeding with the approval of this item. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Deep South Sanitation, LLC. Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated Deep South Sanitation has submitted a request to renew their franchise agreement. Mr. Bea's further stated that all information required has been submitted, adding the request remains ready for consideration. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application, EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program which provides funding for the hiring of additional firefighters. Lowndes County Fire Rescue is requesting to apply for a SAFER Grant which would fund the hiring of twelve (12) additional full time firefighters and fully fund their salary for three (3) years. This grant requires no matching funds, however, it provides funding for salaries and benefits. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the twelve positions, Mr. Tye answered these will be entry level firefighter positions. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Marshall and Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for Breathing Air Machine for the Fire Department, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item with B & T Enterprises submitting the low bid in the amount of \$43,490.00, for the purchase of a breathing air machine for the fire department. Commissioner Marshall asked for an additional explanation of this machine, Mrs. Dukes responded the firefighters wear masks with bottles and this machine would refill the air bottles. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the bottles were being recharged, Mrs. Dukes responded yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated budget meetings will begin next week. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated this week is Georgia Agriculture Awareness Week. Mrs. Dukes also stated our Southern Marketing Coordinator, with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Beth DeLoach Meeks, is scheduling with our Commissioners and some members of the City Council to tour some schools with agriculture programs. Mrs. Dukes stated the Public Works Department began the scrap tire grant with a quantity of 115 tires received on the first day, per Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus. Mrs. Dukes asked County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, to update the commission on the Fiscal Year 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan which we received from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. Fletcher stated there would be eighty (80) miles of county roads which would be restriped, pavement markings installed and RPM's installed and GDOT chose the roads based off of crash data.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD – None

ADJOURNMENT