

Amend 2015 Solid Waste Ordinance

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated recently the 2023-2024 Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal during that process, both franchisees requested amendments and/or adjustments to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Mr. Beals stated Advanced Disposal Services and Deep South Sanitation have both asked regarding the below franchisee's proposed changes: Increase the basic service not to exceed fee from \$20.00 per month to \$25.00 per month. (Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.1.(c)) & (Franchise Agreement -Item Number 14 (Pricing for Basic Service)). Adjust Hours of Operation of Collection Centers from 42 hours per week to 35 hours per week. (Change schedule from Friday, Saturday, and Monday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.6. & Franchise Agreement - Item Number 23 (Hours of Operation of Collection Center). Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked regarding the wording stating an increase due to labor and fuel costs and stated there is also a fuel surcharge being charged, Mr. Beals responded commercial businesses are not being monitored, this relates only to residential solid waste. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the amount for the residents, Mr. Beals answered that currently there has not been an amount given. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding any concerns the Commission may have regarding this request and stated that with the previous increase of only \$3.50 in eight years, he has no issue with increasing up to \$25.00 per month. Chairman Slaughter stated this request could occur again in a year to increase or decrease the amount. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker suggested there needs to be a change in the wording regarding the difference between residential and commercial surcharges, Mr. Beals responded that language could be changed within the Solid Waste Ordinance.

BID

Brookridge Drive Grading, Drainage, Base, and Paving

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated that Brookridge Drive is located south of Hahira and is approximately 0.42 miles long. Mr. McLeod stated staff received two bids, the Scruggs Company in the amount of \$647,831.28 and Reames and Son Construction in the amount of \$768,703.15.

Bid for a Crop Sprayer for the Utilities Department

Purchasing Agent, Amy Woods, presented the item. Mrs. Woods stated bids were solicited for a new crop sprayer for the Utilities Department, to be used at the Land Application System (LAS). Mrs. Woods stated one bid was received that met specifications from Flint Equipment Company in the amount of \$36,750.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

Extension Office Update Presentation by Joshua Dawson (Work Session)

County Manager, Paige Dukes, introduced Mr. Joshua Dawson, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent with the Lowndes County Extension Office. Mr. Dawson thanked the Commissioners for their support and presented a brief update, with information packets given to the Commissioners detailing the Lowndes County Extension Office operations in the area. Additionally, Mr. Dawson invited the Commission to attend the 4-H Banquet being held May 18th at the Lowndes County Extension Office. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked regarding the satsumas crop, if it is close to maxing out as far as production, Mr. Dawson stated that was a problem last year and due to the cold weather this year, there is a concern since we currently have 3,000 acres of satsumas planted. Commissioner Marshall