

Slaughter answered there is no requirement. Chairman asked regarding the timeline on the wells and updating the water system. County Manager, Paige Dukes responded there is a March 27th bid opening with a 180 day contract. Chairman Slaughter stated the process is moving forward with the new wells, Mrs. Dukes answered correct.

Chip Wildes, 2806 Pebblewood Drive, spoke in favor of this request. Mr. Wildes stated he owns seventy acres in this area and has no issues with the rezoning, but does have concerns with new residences, not knowing that the area has property that will be used for hunting. Robert Dinkins, 6275 Southern Shores, spoke in favor of this request. Mr. Dinkins stated he sold this property to Mr. Sanders and has no issues with this request.

Opposition - Rebuttal:

Amy Watts, 5915 Natures Way, addressed the commission, stating regarding water quality, these are people coming in to the neighborhood and they should be informed. She gave the numbers from 2015 to current year regarding contaminants. Ms. Watts stated if you want to approve this rezoning that is fine, but the people moving in should be notified that the water quality is substandard. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to deny this rezoning request, it failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented R-21 zoning following staff recommendations, approving the entire fifteen acres, second by Vice Chairperson Evans. Vice Chairperson Evans and Commissioner Orenstein voted in favor and Commissioners Marshall and Smith voted to deny this request. Chairman Slaughter voted in favor of this rezoning request to break the tie.

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, this resolution is being presented for your consideration, and it is authorized by Georgia statute. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. Commissioner Smith stepped out of the room and was unavailable for the vote. Vice Chairperson Evans, Commissioner Orenstein and Commissioner Marshall voted in favor. Motion carried.

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 home 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. Mrs. Dukes mentioned this is a savings of \$4,000.00 in regard to printing the decals. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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.