

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Special Assessment Rate for 2020**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the county is required to set the special assessment rate each year at two percent above prime, which is 4.75%. Commissioner Griner made a motion to set the 2020 Special Assessment rate at 6.75%, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Pine Straw Harvesting Agreement**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, stated staff solicited bids for the harvesting of pine straw at the county's Land Application Site in south Lowndes County. Mr. Stalvey stated Southern Pine Needles of NC, LLC, submitted the highest proposal in the amount of \$36,250.00. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to accept the high bid as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Request to Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear**

EMA Director/Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a request to purchase fourteen sets of firefighter turnout gear from Ten-8 Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$28,327.04. Commissioner Griner asked if it would be a problem to table consideration of the purchase until after the Commission discusses Fire Rescue at their upcoming retreat. Chief Tye stated it will take twelve weeks for the gear to deliver once ordered, adding it is needed. Chief Tye further stated the year is provided for in the current budget. Vice Chairman Marshall asked how many volunteer firefighters the county currently has, to which Chief Tye replied seventy-seven. Vice Chairman Marshall asked which stations the gear would go to. Chief Tye stated the order is based on replacement need instead of by station. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to table the purchase until the Commission meeting following the annual retreat, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Standard Utility / Contract Item Agreement for Exit 2 Utility Relocation**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented an agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the relocation of county utilities impacted by the Exit 2 realignment project. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Lease Agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Division of Family & Children Services (DFACS)**

Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented a lease agreement between Lowndes County and the State Properties Commission, in the amount of \$407,304.96. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **2020 Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Symetra Life Ins. Company**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$906,684.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal based on Option 2 and as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.