

stated staff recommends candidates be appointed no later than the second meeting of September.

Appointment of County Clerk, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Belinda Lovern has served in this capacity in the absence of former County Clerks, Phyllis Waters and herself, Paige Dukes since 2006. Furthermore, Mrs. Dukes stated Deputy Clerk duties have been established and responsibilities will be assigned to Mrs. Sabrina Denson. Vice Chairman Marshall inquired regarding the Public Information Officer vacancy, Mrs. Dukes responded that position was approved in the current budget as a new position and advertising will begin within the next few weeks.

Release of Lien for 2009 CHIP Grant, Planning and Zoning Director, J.D. Dillard, presented the item stating Lowndes County needs to release its lien relating to its 2009 CHIP Program Grant to Russell and Amanda Yates. The five year affordability period expired in 2016 and they are no longer required to pay the promissory note to Lowndes County. Mr. and Mrs. Yates are selling their property and are requiring a quit claim deed and release from Lowndes County.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Ms. Celine Gladwin, with Gladwin Vaughn Architects, was unable to attend the work session this morning due to her mother passing away last week. Vice Chairman Marshall asked regarding the construction process of the courthouse, when renovations begin will citizens be able to reserve and use the front lawn, Mrs. Dukes responded the site will be turned over to the construction manager at that time and if needed events can be relocated.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 8:53 a.m.