Cybersecurity Maturity Tier 1, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this item is requested to enter into an agreement with Tyler Cyber Security Division to implement the framework for combating security breaches. Additionally, Mr. Kostyu stated this program will begin with tier one and the future goal is to achieve tier three. Vice Chairman Griner asked if the reports received from Tyler Cyber Security Division would be available for the commission's review, Mr. Kostyu replied yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE, Right of Way Purchases, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$90,670.31, for the purchase of right of ways. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 1,3,4,5,6,8 and 9 for Hightower Road and Cooper Road, NE, TSPLOST project. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve this request, Commissioners Evans and Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Extension of COVID-19 Leave Benefits,** Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated in March of last year the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was passed into law, expiring December 31, 2020. The Board is being requested to extend the leave benefits offered through FFCRA from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **Reports - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, recognized Ms. Judy Haverkamp in attendance, and who is an animal advocate in our community. Ms. Haverkamp also had questions regarding the new animal shelter and Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, was able to address her concerns before the meeting. Mrs. Dukes stated Commissioner Marshall has been reappointed to the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated Commissioner Orenstein has been appointed Vice Chair of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Board. Mrs. Dukes wanted to thank County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, for his due diligence with acquiring the right of way purchases. Lastly, Mr. Eulyses Lane, a retired county employee, passed away over the weekend. Mr. Lane had worked with the county for 27 years and he retired in 2007 from the Public Works Department. County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for purposes of the proposed disposition of real property and privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:57 p.m., Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

The executive session called to order at 6:01 p.m. and adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Orenstein at 6:33 p.m., Vice Chairman Griner and Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the executive session.

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