

plan has been made a part of the County budget plan and all of those things have been incorporated as required. Both plans are scheduled to be adopted by the authority board on June 27, 2023.

### **Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget**

County Manager, Paige Dukes presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the changes to the budget have been made and over the weekend the Commission received a copy of the draft budget plan. Mrs. Dukes stated they are still available to make any adjustments that the Commission would like to make before tomorrow evening's consideration. Mrs. Dukes also stated she would encourage the Commission to allow them to make adjustments if the Commission has any and not delay the adoption of the budget. If it is delayed, additional hearings and advertisements are required. She also asked the Commission to let them know today or tomorrow before the meeting if there are any changes they would like to make. Commissioner Marshall asked if \$146 million is the approximate amount for the total budget, to which Mrs. Dukes responded yes, that is the total budget amount.

### **Resolution Making Designations Required by OCGA 36-66-5.1(c)**

County Planner, JD Dillard presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated changes in State Law regarding appeals of certain land use decisions take effect on July 1, 2023. Mr. Dillard further stated staff plans to address the newer ULDC Text amendments. Mr. Dillard also stated the resolution serves as a stop gap between July 1 and July 11. In addition, Mr. Dillard stated the resolution has been prepared by the County Attorney's Office and staff recommends adopting the resolution making designations required by OCGA.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated on Wednesday at 12:30 pm and again at 2:00 pm we have stakeholder meetings scheduled to help our development community become familiar with software for permits and inspections. Homebuilders are coming at 2:00pm and all other general stakeholders are scheduled for 12:30 pm. Mrs. Dukes invited the Commission to attend either or both of those sessions. Mrs. Dukes also stated the software will go live July 1, but we are in a test phase right now so that they can go in and put in information for a permit and create accounts and see how all of it works. In addition, Mrs. Dukes stated, the evening before July 1, the training system will be wiped and the new process will begin. Mrs. Dukes further stated, we are on board and moving forward, and she believes all the technology will go in today if it is not already on the second floor, adding, the desks are in, the staff is hired, and we are ready. She also mentioned that they have talked to homebuilders and other stakeholders and let them know this is a fluid process, we are here to meet their needs, and we will make changes if need be and there is still plenty of time to make changes as we make sure that this is a service that meets their needs.

Mrs. Dukes introduced Mrs. Mary Beth Brownlee, the Director of the One Valdosta - Lowndes Initiative and recognized Ms. Christy Moore, the Chamber Director, who was in the audience. Mrs. Dukes stated we have been going through the One Valdosta-Lowndes Initiative for several years, and are very blessed to get to a point where the Chamber could hire a director and they had their first committee meeting last week and Mrs. Dukes asked Mrs. Brownlee to come in and give the Commission an update. Mrs. Brownlee introduced herself, shared a little about her background, thanked the Commission for their investment that they made to the initiative, and updated the Commission on the One Valdosta-Lowndes Initiative. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mrs. Brownlee.

Mrs. Dukes stated the groundbreaking for Second Harvest has been cancelled. Mrs. Dukes also mentioned that we will be feeding our employees Chick Fil A for employee appreciation on Thursday,