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Beer and Wine License - Ashish Patel of Rudra 7415, LLC, DBA JP Foods - 7415 GA Hwy 376, Lake Park, GA

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Adoption of Millage Rate for 2023

Finance Chief Accountant, Rachel Bowen, presented the item. Mrs. Bowen stated the county-wide millage for 2023 is recommended to be set at the rollback rate of 8.896 mills with the Industrial Authority receiving 1.00 mill and the Parks and Recreation Authority receiving 1.25 mills. Mrs. Bowen stated this represents a reduction of 1.315 mills from 2022. Chairman Slaughter stated there has been much discussion regarding this issue and he does agree to roll the millage back to meet the budget numbers, based on a 95% collection rate should give us a zero balance on the budget and the rate should be 8.778 mills. Chairman Slaughter stated the basic rollback would be 8.896 and the recommendation is 8.778 mills. Commissioner Marshall asked how many mills is this reduction? Mrs. Bowen responded 1.434 mills. Commissioner Orenstein asked the collection rate? Chairman Slaughter responded 95%. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adopt the 2023 county-wide millage rate at 8.778 mills to reflect a reduction of 1.434 mills from last year, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. Commissioner Evans, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and Commissioner Marshall all voted in favor, Commissioners Orenstein and Griner opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of Fire District Millage Rate for 2023

Finance Chief Accountant, Rachel Bowen, presented the item. Mrs. Bowen stated this item is for the unincorporated fire millage for a special district that is made up of the unincorporated area and is used to fund fire services. Mrs. Bowen stated the 2023 rate should be set at 2.50 mills, which is no change from the prior year. Chairman Slaughter stated in standing up the full-time fire department for Lowndes County, it was agreed to set the fire district millage rate at 2.50 mills and hold for five years in order to maintain a healthy fund balance so that we could finance the needs for the growth of the fire department. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adopt the 2023 fire district millage rate at 2.50 mills, Commissioner Evans second. Commissioners Evans, Orenstein and Marshall voted in favor. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and Commissioner Griner opposed. Motion carried.

Val-del Road Watermain Extension Change Order

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Val-Del Road Watermain Extension was approved earlier this year and due to multiple fiber lines, this project has been very challenging. After discussion with the contractor and engineer, the only path forward to ensure the watermain will not be in conflict with the road widening project will be to directional drill several of the small parcels on the southern end of the project. The amount to be drilled will be under 3,000 linear feet for approximately \$180,000.00. Mr. Stalvey stated staff recommends approval of this change order. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the change order request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.