

purposes. Second Harvest will use the sales proceeds to improve the new facility to which it will relocate. The County will use the rent from the short-term lease to improve the property for use for recreational purposes. The rental impact is estimated to be \$161,500.00.

Speed Zone Ordinance

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the changes include adding all roads on the proposed existing City of Valdosta and City of Remerton radar permits. Mr. McLeod stated that once approved, staff would forward an executed copy of the ordinance to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Chairman Slaughter stated Sheriff Ashley Paulk was available for any questions. Commissioner Wisenbaker mentioned the speed limit on Hickory Grove Road. Sheriff Paulk stated regarding this speed zone ordinance request, this is another tool to give access to stolen weapons and drugs within the cities.

Georgia County Internship Program Grant for Summer 2024 Grant Period

Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the item. Mrs. Rountree stated the Lowndes County Probation Department was awarded a grant from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to cover a paid internship for a record retention project. Mrs. Rountree thanked Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher, for her assistance with this grant. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how many males work in the probation department? Mrs. Rountree responded currently only one. Commissioner Evans asked regarding the time frame of this grant? Mrs. Rountree responded May 2024 - September 2024. Commissioner Evans asked if there was an opportunity to hire the intern after the grant period is over? Mrs. Rountree answered she was unsure at this time.

Lowndes County Board of Health Environmental Health Fees

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked District Environmental Health Deputy Director, Blake Lowery, to address the Commission. Mr. Lowery explained the Board of Health's recent action increasing environmental fees. Mr. Lowery stated the fees have not increased since 2017.

Advanced Disposal Services Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the franchise is set to expire March 31, 2024, adding Advanced Disposal has submitted the required documents for renewal. Mr. Beals stated the franchise agreement is for a term beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025. The current number of residents served in the county is 8,517 with a rate of \$20.00 per month.

Deep South Sanitation, LLC, Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the franchise agreement is set to expire March 31, 2024, adding Deep South Sanitation has submitted the required documents for renewal. Mr. Beals stated the franchise agreement is for a term beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025. The current number of residents served in the county is 7,814 with a rate of \$20.00 per month. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there were any issues with Advanced Disposal or Deep South Sanitation? Mr. Beals responded there were no requests or suggestions of any changes from either company. County Manager, Paige Dukes added there are some customer service questions and issues with Advanced Disposal. Mrs. Dukes stated all of their customer service has been relocated out of our region. Additional questions and recommendations may be discussed in the coming year as to how to proceed. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if there are any potential new business providers? Mr. Beals answered there had been no indication from any other providers.