

Purchase of Property on Harbin Circle from Second Harvest; Short-term Lease to Second Harvest

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod presented the request in the amount of \$1,931,000.00. Mr. McLeod stated staff has negotiated the purchase of property located on Harbin Circle from Second Harvest for \$1,931,000.00, for use for recreational purposes. Mr. McLeod further stated that a short-term lease of the property back to Second Harvest is integral to the purchase of the property and the use of the property for recreational purposes. Second Harvest will use the sales proceeds to improve the new facility to which it will relocate. Mr. McLeod further stated the County will use the rent from the short-term lease to improve the property for use for recreational purposes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what are the recreational purposes, Mr. McLeod responded, currently with the redesigned layout, it can be used for basketball, volleyball, and other sports that can be held inside. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked about pickle ball and Mr. McLeod responded, that would be up to VLPRA. Vice Chairman Marshall stated he had the same question as Commissioner Wisenbaker. Chairman Slaughter responded that basically, the final decision regarding the recreational courts will be up to VLPRA and the discussions have been that they need indoor basketball facilities and volleyball facilities. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked about the square footage of the building, Mr. McLeod responded he does not know, but will get that information. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Speed Zone Ordinance

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Georgia Department of Transportation is in the process of updating the existing Speed Zone Ordinance for Lowndes County. Mr. McLeod further stated a copy of the updated Speed Zone Ordinance which includes adding all roads on the proposed existing City of Valdosta and City of Remerton radar permits is attached. Mr. McLeod mentioned that with the execution of this ordinance, the roads will be added, and a signed copy of the ordinance will be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety for the radar permit to be updated for Lowndes County. Vice Chairman Marshall asked in regards to roads that do not have signage how often does GDOT update the information for the purpose of GPS. Mr. McLeod responded he knows they have a program, he does not know the schedule, but he will get it for Vice Chairman Marshall. Commissioner Evans asked for a hard copy of the Speed Zone Ordinance, Mr. McLeod responded he will get one for her. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adopt the Speed Zone Ordinance and authorize the Board of Commissioners to sign it, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Georgia County Internship Program Grant for Summer 2024 Grant Period

Probation Director, Ferlisha Rountree, presented the item. Mrs. Rountree stated this is the Georgia Internship Program Grant through ACCG for the summer of 2024. Mrs. Rountree further stated the title of the project is Record Protection Program, and the primary objective is to establish a record protection program designed for Lowndes County Probation. She stated the program aims to safeguard essential records which will be crucial to the Probation Department and the Courts of Lowndes County. Mrs. Rountree stated it will address the vulnerability of records that were at risk of being damaged due to natural disasters or provide for loss or damage that could disrupt the function of the Probation Department or court proceedings. Mrs. Rountree went on to mention that the internship is covered 100% by the grant, and the internship could run from May until September 2024. She stated the intern must currently be in college. The approval of this grant will allow the internship to assist the Probation Department with the launch of the program and will also give the intern an