

REZ-2024-15 Loch Winn LTD, Loch Laurel Rd & Carroll Ulmer Rd, ~62ac, R-A to R-1 & R-A, Well and Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this item is being requested to be tabled in order to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their October 28, 2024 meeting. Staff is asking that this rezoning request be tabled to the November 12, 2024, commission meeting. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the delay was an issue with the applicant? Mr. Dillard responded no. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to table this item until the November 12, 2024 commission meeting, Commissioner Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Adoption of Millage Rate for 2024

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated that following the third public hearing held at 5:00 p.m. tonight, the commission is required to set the millage rate for 2024. The millage rate for 2023 was 8.778 mills. The county-wide millage for 2024 was advertised at 7.804 mills. The rollback millage for 2024 is 7.356 mills. Commissioner Griner made a motion to adopt the rollback millage for 2024 at 7.356 mills, Commissioners Evans and Wisenbaker seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of Fire District Millage Rate for 2024

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated the 2024 fire district millage rate is recommended to be set at 2.50 mills, which is no change from the prior year. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long will this rate remain at 2.50 mills? Chairman Slaughter responded this was initially discussed when the fire department was expanded that this rate would be set for five years. Commissioner Griner made a motion to set the fire millage for 2.50 mills, Commissioners Wisenbaker and Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Stream Gauge Maintenance

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement in the amount of \$27,850.00. The stream gauge for the Little River site is \$17,000.00, and the Withlacoochee River site is \$10,850.00. Mr. Tye stated there is an increase in cost due to USGS charging for the maintenance of the rain gauges which are attached to each stream gauge and that amount is \$3,025.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Sprayfield Expansion Phase I

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated an expansion plan was submitted to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to expand the sprayfield to accommodate increased flow due to growth. Mr. Stalvey mentioned currently, the county is permitted for two million gallons per day and Georgia EPD has approved up to three million gallons per day. This additional capacity requires approximately 150 acres of additional field for spraying. Mr. Stalvey stated four bids were received, ranging from \$3,369,213.71 - \$4,053,303.00. Southeast Connections, LLC from Conyers, Georgia submitted the low bid in the amount of \$3,369,213.71. Commissioner Orenstein asked what effect would this have on a future wastewater plant? Mrs. Dukes responded none at all, the expansion is needed to provide for growth. The wastewater treatment plant will still be necessary to be able to maintain future industry as well as expansion of residential. Commissioner