

able to collect funds. Chairman Slaughter reminded the Commissioners this is an authorization to be done with each new term of the Tax Commissioner.

Cybersecurity Maturity Tier 1, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the agreement. Mr. Kostyu stated Tyler's Security Division can develop and implement the framework for combating security breaches within Lowndes County. Mr. Kostyu additionally stated this program would help build policy, assess vulnerabilities, testing and response development. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding cybersecurity insurance among counties, Mrs. Dukes stated a provider has been engaged and the Lowndes County Human Resources Department is in the process of getting a quote. Vice Chairman Griner asked if this item was out for bid, Mr. Kostyu responded no.

Approval of Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE, Right of Way Purchases, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$90,670.31, for the purchase of right of way. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Mr. Fletcher further stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote.

Extension of COVID-19 Leave Benefits, Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated in March of last year the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was passed into law, expiring December 31, 2020. The Board is being requested to extend the leave benefits offered through FFCRA from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated the Utilities Department had a water main burst over the weekend between Val Tech and Shiloh Road on the utilities easement. The Utilities staff worked until the issue was repaired and citizens were made aware of the issue through the use of the 'CodeRED' notification system. Chairman Slaughter commended the Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, and his staff for their efforts over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session at 9:15 am.