

Continuation Funding available through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant program. The Solicitor's office has been approved to receive \$50,000.00 in federal funds, with the total cash match required by Lowndes County in the amount of \$36,266.00. Ms. Hayes stated the grant runs from January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

Deep South Sanitation, LLC Residential Solid Waste Franchise Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated the franchise is set to expire March 31, 2023, adding Deep South Sanitation has applied to renew their existing franchise agreement. Mr. Beals stated Deep South Sanitation has asked regarding the below franchisee proposed changes: Increase the basic service not to exceed fee from \$20.00 per month to \$25.00 per month. (Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.1.(c)) & (Franchise Agreement -Item Number 14 (Pricing for Basic Service)). Adjust Hours of Operation of Collection Centers from 42 hours per week to 35 hours per week. (Change schedule from Friday, Saturday, and Monday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.6. & Franchise Agreement - Item Number 23 (Hours of Operation of Collection Center). Commissioner Wisenbaker asked regarding the fuel surcharge, Mr. Beals stated regarding residential solid waste, residential is bound to a "not to exceed monthly amount" and if it happens to be a commercial business, those are not being monitored.

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, 2023, adding Advanced Disposal Services, a division of Waste Management, has applied to renew their existing franchise agreement. Mr. Beals stated Advanced Disposal Services has asked regarding the below franchisee proposed changes: Increase the basic service not to exceed fee from \$20.00 per month to \$25.00 per month. (Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.1.(c)) & (Franchise Agreement -Item Number 14 (Pricing for Basic Service)). Adjust Hours of Operation of Collection Centers from 42 hours per week to 35 hours per week. (Change schedule from Friday, Saturday, and Monday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Solid Waste Ordinance Section 3.6. & Franchise Agreement - Item Number 23 (Hours of Operation of Collection Center). Commissioner Marshall asked regarding feedback related to their services, Mr. Beals stated as a part of the application process there is a complaint section, Deep South Sanitation does not present any complaints and Advanced Disposal stated 602 missed collections which have been adjusted. Mr. Beals stated that currently Deep South Sanitation has 6,900 customers and Advanced Disposal has 9,000 customers. Chairman Slaughter mentioned that the only item being approved tomorrow night would be the franchise renewal agreement and not the monthly amount or the hours of the collection centers; those will be discussed at the retreat.

Windstream Build Agreement

Finance Senior Accountant, Rachel Bowen, presented the item. Mrs. Bowen stated this item is regarding the Build Agreement for the Broadband Expansion Project between Lowndes County and Windstream. The State of Georgia provided a competitive grant using their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to address broadband access needs for citizens currently unserved or underserved in our area. The County partnered with Windstream to prepare an application for this funding which resulted in the County receiving a grant award of \$21,783,961.00. The total project cost of \$39,420,865.00 will be comprised of the grant award from the state as well as \$17,636,904.00 in matching funds provided by Windstream. Mrs. Bowen stated this project will provide our citizens with reliable internet access that they previously did not have. Upon completion of the project, broadband