

1, 2026. Deep South Sanitation, LLC has submitted their application to continue providing service. Deep South Sanitation, LLC currently serves 8,637 households at a monthly rate of \$22.00. Commissioner Marshall inquired whether Deep South Sanitation utilizes the landfill in Thomasville. Mr. Beals responded that they will use that landfill but will also utilize additional landfills. Deep South has 23,000 households in all with all of their contracts with the other surrounding communities. Chairman Slaughter stated they were hauling to Thomas County previously.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated that quarterly letters have been sent to residents regarding water quality testing in the unincorporated areas. Mrs. Dukes asked Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, to give the Commission an update. Mr. Stalvey explained that the letters address the chlorine disinfection byproducts, specifically Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) and mentioned that distribution of these notices is required. Mr. Stalvey further stated that in Lowndes County, the water supply is influenced by sinkholes and nearby rivers in various locations. As a result, the water must be chlorinated, which leads to the formation of disinfection byproducts. Mr. Stalvey added that Lowndes County is currently in the process of developing a nanofiltration plant for the Spring Creek water treatment system. Mr. Stalvey stated the Georgia Environmental Protection Division requires notification to all customers on the North Lowndes System. Commissioner Smith asked who authorizes these requirements, Mr. Stalvey responded that the regulations originate at the federal level and are enforced through a combination of federal and state oversight. Mrs. Dukes stated that the language included in the letters is mandated and cannot be revised. Mr. Stalvey added that an additional letter will be distributed in the upcoming weeks. Chairman Slaughter asked whether there are alternative technologies available to treat water other than chlorine. Mr. Stalvey responded that while other treatment methods do exist, they present their own challenges and chlorine remains the most effective option.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Evans. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the work session meeting at 8:47 a.m.