

Commissioner Marshall asked about a project timeline. Mr. McLeod stated Kellerman Construction is expected to begin mid-June 2026, with 12 months' construction of the new building followed by several additional months for transition activities and demolition of the existing building. Commissioner Smith asked what is the square footage. Mr. McLeod answered 15,360 square feet. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the Design-Build Amendment A141-2024, Exhibit B and authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the items below:

- Mrs. Dukes congratulated Commissioners Wisenbaker, Orenstein and Marshall on beginning their new terms.
- Gave an update regarding SPLOST IX.
- Mentioned the burn restrictions being lifted beginning June 1st.
- Gave an update on the hurricane season workshop, stating there is a 90% chance of a normal to below normal season, which is the same as this past year. Mrs. Dukes stated our preparedness efforts are ongoing.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Jimmy LeFiles, 3561 Riverchase Drive, addressed the commission regarding his concerns and opposition to a data center in our community. Mr. LeFiles asked the commission to consider the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly referred to as "forever chemicals," which may be used in certain data center operations and fire suppression systems.

George Fisher, 5278 Hall Road, addressed the commission regarding his opposition to a data center in our community. Mr. Fisher mentioned he has been studying the local aquifer and expressed his concerns about its fragility. Mr. Fisher cautioned that development associated with a data center could pose a risk of contamination to the community's drinking water supply.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Orenstein. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.