

the agreement is fully executed, GDOT will issue a Notice to Proceed for Preliminary Engineering. The agreement is for eligible project costs up to \$13,252,000.00. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the item as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Beer, Wine, and Liquor License - Jignasha Patel of Pitstop Three Liquors LLC, DBA Pitstop Liquors, 1405 St. Augustine Road Suite B, Valdosta, GA 31605**

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated this is due to a change in ownership and all requirements have been met. Ms. Black stated this is a request for a beer, wine and liquor license for consumption off premises. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the license as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**GEFA Loan GPPF011 for Bypass Pumps at Lift Station**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County has been preselected for a GEFA loan to install bypass pumps at our lift stations that are currently not equipped with backup capabilities. The loan amount is \$2,812,500.00 with a principal forgiveness of \$703,125.00. This will allow us to have backup capabilities at all of our lift stations. While we have applied for FEMA mitigation money, this will allow us to lock in current pricing and potentially, have equipment in place before the next hurricane season. This project was previously presented to the board at the October 28, 2025, meeting; however, the required resolution and supporting loan documents were not included at that time as they were not available. Staff now requests approval of the attached resolution as required for the GEFA loan approval. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the item as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal**

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated this request is the ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency Program renewal for fiscal year 2027. The renewal provides for comprehensive blanket coverage for property and liability insurance. The annual renewal amount is \$1,248,947.00; this renewal includes a safety credit discount of \$65,734.00. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the renewal in the amount of \$1,248,947.00, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Industrial Authority Series 2026 Bonds**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated that as discussed yesterday in the work session, we are ready to move forward with the finalization of the Industrial Authority's series 2026 bonds. Mrs. Dukes stated this is a fantastic growth opportunity for our community. Mrs. Dukes asked Tom Owens with Raymond James to speak regarding the bond issuance. Mr. Owens stated the bonds were successfully marketed that day with investors committing to provide financing to the Industrial Authority. The bonds fit within the parameters previously approved. The bonds are costing 5.12 percent and there was an improvement in the structuring of the bonds by identifying a portion of the project as not marked for private use. The annual payment on the bonds is approximately \$3.7 million and these are publicly offered bonds. Mr. Owens thanked County Manager, Paige Dukes, Finance Director, Stephanie Black and County Attorney, Walter Elliott for their assistance throughout this process. Commissioner Smith asked when the Industrial Authority had last undertaken a bond issuance. Mr. Owens responded in 2019 and that was a refinancing of prior bonds. Mrs. Dukes stated that Exhibits A, B & C have been substituted for the final loan documents in the agenda packets.