

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Program Renewal

HR Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual renewal in the amount of \$818,021.00. Mr. Beals stated the renewal includes \$139,096.00, in safety credits. Mr. Beals further stated staff has researched deductible limits and is recommending the plan remain at the current level of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the renewal as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Reports - County Manager

As you know this is my last opportunity to address you as County Manager. I would like to express my appreciation to this Commission and the previous Commissions I have served. I would also like to acknowledge Commissioner Evans as she is the longest serving Commissioner with whom I have worked. I would like acknowledge and thank the various elected and appointed officials of Lowndes County for their help and cooperation. I am most proud to have had the opportunity and privilege to work with and supervise a superior group of Department Heads and Lowndes County employees. These employees are the keys to any success we have enjoyed over the years. Their hard work and selfless dedication has made the difference in elevating the status of Lowndes County to its current level. Too few people realize the often difficult and thankless task they perform daily with little to no complaints. As a community and county, we are blessed. In addition to the staff, I would like to publicly acknowledge the contribution to Lowndes County and me by Walter Elliott and the Elliott Law Firm. Thank you Walter, for your steadfast counsel and your friendship. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank some individuals whose contributions and assistance have been invaluable to me. I would like to thank Stephanie Black, Finance Director, Paige Dukes, County Clerk & PIO, Chad McLeod, Project Manager, Belinda Lovern, my administrative assistant and my right-arm. These individuals, along with aforementioned Department Heads, have made this job enjoyable and fulfilling. I cannot express the deep appreciation and affection I have for all these individuals. My life is truly richer having worked with each of you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman for allowing me to express these tributes and may God continue to bless our community.

Citizens Wishing To Be Heard - Please State Your Name and Address

Ben Futch, Enoch Lake Circle, congratulated County Manager, Joe Pritchard, on his retirement and wished him the best in the future. Mr. Futch addressed the Commission regarding the acceptance of Enoch Lake Circle and requested a copy of the resolution addressing private road acceptance.

Adjournment

In observance of County Manager, Joe Pritchard's retirement, the Commission presented him with a binder containing the agenda from each Commission Meeting during his tenure, an embossed rocking chair and a commissioned water color, signed by officials and staff. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Pritchard for a legacy of leadership second to none. Chairman Slaughter spoke to Mr. Pritchard's credit regarding the county's strong financial position, stable administration and a well trained staff, ready to continue to the business of Lowndes County. At almost twenty years, Joe Pritchard, is Lowndes County's longest serving County Manager.