

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Georgia Power Utility Easement (5333 Mill Store Road)

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Georgia Power needs to run a new underground power line to feed the Francis Lake office and lift station. In order to complete the project, Georgia Power has provided documents for a utility easement that is needed from Lowndes County. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the item as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Purchase of VSU South Campus Property

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this is the next step in the process to consider the agreement to purchase and sale real property between the Board of Regents and Lowndes County and includes the lease back of the 6,600 square feet of space on the first floor of building "b" back to the university to continue counseling services. This has been negotiated by staff for the purchase of an approximate 4.728 acre tract known as Valdosta State University South located on North Patterson Street with the negotiated purchase price of \$2,156,000.00. The purpose of this purchase is to relocate the Board of Elections and provide relocation space for state agencies. Vice Chairman Marshall asked regarding the rental agreement as far as what the monthly utilities would run, Mrs. Dukes stated the amount for the monthly utilities has not been received yet. Chairman Slaughter stated the need is for the Board of Elections Office with more emphasis on early voting and their current facility and parking is not conducive to the amount of traffic. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached purchase and sale agreement and the attached lease agreement as presented, Commissioner Evans seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

LMIG Supplemental Local Road Assistance (LRA) 2024 Restriping Bids

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the commission approved the 2024 Local Road Assistance application at the May 28, 2024, regular session meeting. The restriping bid includes restriping 32 linear miles of paved county road. The work includes restriping the centerline, edgeline, stopbars, pavement markings and installing raised pavement markers. Mr. McLeod stated two bids were received with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC being the low bidder in the amount of \$111,223.17. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve Peek Pavement Marking, LLC as the low bidder, in the amount of \$111,223.17, Commissioner Wisenbaker seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bid for 60 SCBA Cylinders for the Fire Department

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase a quantity of sixty (60) SCBA Cylinders for the Fire Department, with Municipal Emergency Service submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$85,097.40. Commissioner Griner asked what was the bid amount for last year, Mrs. Black answered she believed that amount was approximately \$79,000.00. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Evans seconded. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes mentioned the below items: