

program started in September of last year with the first court appearance and eleven are currently in the program. Vice Chairman Evans commended Judge Tunison on this program. Chairman Slaughter stated he appreciates the efforts of Judge Tunison and staff regarding this program. Commissioner Orenstein asked if information could be emailed to the commission regarding adult and juvenile accountability court.

**Compute and Storage for South Lowndes Data Center**, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated in the past, servers would have been used to run individual services on the network; now this is ran virtually, and this is why the wording is compute and storage. Compute and storage for South Lowndes Data Center includes supporting telephony, network services and other services for the animal shelter, Sheriff's Department, the jail, public works and back up for 911 and North Lowndes Data Center. County Manager, Paige Dukes, commented she's had discussions with Mr. Kostyu regarding this request and it is a necessary need.

## **BID**

**Bid for Pest Control Service**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the bid with Astro Exterminating Services presenting the low bid, in the amount of \$6,734.40. Ms. Black stated this is for all county facilities to include volunteer fire stations.

**Purchase of a Truck for Public Works**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase a truck for the Public Works Department. Ms. Black stated this truck would replace a truck which was totaled last month. Additionally, Ms. Black stated a local vendor, Langdale Ford, agreed to meet the state contract price. Commissioner Wisenbaker, asked what caused the vehicle to be totaled, Public Works Director, Mrs. Robin Cumbus responded an employee had a medical issue, which caused him to temporarily black out, causing the accident.

**Purchase of Fire Turnout Gear**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase new sets of turnout gear for fifteen new employees, for Lowndes County Fire Rescue. Ms. Black explained that state contract prices were obtained for the new gear with Municipal Equipment Company submitting the bid in the amount of \$46,777.50. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked which new station would be fully manned first, Mrs. Dukes responded Clayattville. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how many would be assigned to that station, Mrs. Dukes responded twelve.

**Bid for Grounds Maintenance for County Buildings**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated bids were received for grounds maintenance services for county buildings and only one proposal received met all specifications. Commissioner Orenstein asked if other proposals were received, Ms. Black answered yes. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long has the County outsourced this service, Mrs. Dukes responded five years.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked Senior Projects Manager, Chad McLeod, to give the commission an update on the restoration of the historic courthouse and audio/visual in the commission chambers. Mr. McLeod stated since the commission selected Allstate Cauthan as the construction manager for the historic courthouse project, the design development and a budget for the design development has been completed. Mr. McLeod further stated fifty percent of the construction documents should be completed by August 1st and fifty percent of the budget back up by August 25th.