

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 stated Municipal Equipment Company submitted the state contract pricing, in the total amount of \$46,777.50. Commissioner Orenstein asked how long does the turnout gear last, Fire Chief, Lloyd Green, responded usually about ten years. Commissioner Griner made the motion to approve the purchase of the protective gear from Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$46,777.50, Commissioners Orenstein and Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Bid for Grounds Maintenance for County Buildings, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated bids were received for the grounds maintenance services for county buildings and one proposal was received that met all specifications. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve Proficient Pool and Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$158,140.00, for a one year contract, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager, County Manager, Paige Dukes, congratulated Commissioner Evans on being elected Chairperson of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Board. Mrs. Dukes mentioned that there have been seventy local citizens trained through the Mental Health First Aid training partnership. Mrs. Dukes stated regarding the Griner property, Mr. McLeod is waiting on the elevations and the pipe has been ordered. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes mentioned staff will be attending a smart cities presentation, sponsored by the City of Valdosta being held tomorrow.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

George Connero, 5995 Westlake Drive, addressed the commission regarding the water issues in Naylor, the speeding which takes place within the neighborhood, and the handrails, on one bridge going back into Hidden Cove, are no longer there.

Rhonda Wright, 2407 Gaines Lane, addressed the commission regarding a civil matter she's involved in with Mr. Thomas in her neighborhood. Chairman Slaughter asked Ms. Wright to wait until the meeting was over and he would speak with her.

Robert Dinkins, 6275 Southern Shore, addressed the commission regarding the borrow pit agreement which Lowndes County has with a neighbor in the subdivision. Chairman Slaughter asked County Attorney, Walter Elliott to respond, Mr. Elliott stated he had spoken to Mr. Dinkins last week and the County has discontinued digging and is currently waiting to hear from the attorney representing Mr. Sanders, the owner of the property.

Andrea Huguley, 6112 Southern Shore, addressed the commission regarding the conditions of the road, asked when the road construction would begin and also mentioned the water quality within the subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session meeting at 6:03 p.m.