

BID

TIA-03 Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated this item is for the TIA03 Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE grading, drainage, base, and paving project. Mr. McLeod further stated that staff received two bids, with the Scruggs Company being the low bidder at \$2,775,068.91. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the Scruggs Company as the low bidder and approve the Chairman to sign the contract, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes thanked the Commission for their direction and moving forward with the Mudswamp Road and Swamp Edge Drive process. Mrs. Dukes also thanked the citizens for their help, being at the meeting, and sticking with the County through the process.

Mrs. Dukes congratulated Commissioner Orenstein who is Vice Chair of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). Mrs. Dukes stated Commissioner Orenstein chaired his first meeting and that it certainly puts the County on the map at state level. She further thanked Commissioner Orenstein for his leadership.

Mrs. Dukes requested a Special Called Meeting for Monday, August 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. to consider the County's ARPA match on the Carter & Sloope project. She further stated that she provided the commission with a punch list of projects that Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey is working with Carter & Sloope on related to water and sewer expansion. This is grant funding that the State is offering with their ARPA Funds, and the County can use our ARPA Funds as a match. Mr. Stalvey has received Carter and Sloope's proposal, which will be sent to the commission. Mrs. Dukes stated that, due to the August 31, 2021 deadline, we will need to hold a Special Called Meeting on Monday to consider the grant.

Mrs. Dukes provided a COVID update for Lowndes county stating, Leadership Lowndes was not able to have their Health and Human Services Day last Thursday in the community due to social distancing and our COVID numbers; however, EMA Director, Ashley Tye offered the EOC which allowed them to virtually and in a socially distanced manner, bring speakers in. Mrs. Dukes went on to say that it was very timely that Leadership Lowndes Leaders were able to receive the information regarding Health and Human Services. Mrs. Dukes thanked Mr. Tye for his efforts in making it happen and Public Information Officer, Meghan Barwick for setting the date.

Mrs. Dukes stated the next vaccine clinic that is scheduled on site for Lowndes County employees is September 2, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Dukes stated that there are 38 slots and they are hopeful that County employees will fill those slots, but if they do not, those slots will be opened up to the public.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -

Carl Kimmons, 2862 Swamp Edge Drive thanked the Commission for their help in the process and moving it forward. Mr. Kimmons stated they spent about 30 hours this past weekend reconstructing the existing mess that was there so that they could have a path. Mr. Kimmons further stated that the