

Agreement with TEqBID for Surplus Sales of Heavy Equipment, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented the item. Ms. Black stated TEqBID is an online auction site specializing in heavy equipment sales. Ms. Black stated staff is requesting approval to list heavy equipment items that have been declared surplus on this site as an alternative means of disposal. Further, Ms. Black stated other surplus items will continue to be listed on GovDeals.com. Chairman Slaughter asked if the public has access to this website, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, responded yes. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Accepting Infrastructure for Val Del Estates Subdivision Phase III, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated engineering staff has completed the final inspection of the project. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Historic Lowndes County Courthouse Rehabilitation Project GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated staff, the architect (Gladwin Vaughn Architecture) and the construction manager (Allstate Construction and Cauthan Construction Joint Venture, LLC) have been working on a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) since demolition was completed. Mr. McLeod stated the construction manager started receiving bids in March 2022 and the final GMP is \$9,855,808.85. Mr. McLeod stated this includes all construction costs including the demolition construction cost approved last September. Mr. McLeod recognized Will Sumner with Allstate Construction and Michael McRae with Cauthan Construction. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the item as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Lowndes County has worked with Allstate and Cauthan Construction in the past and staff is excited to work with them on this project. Mrs. Dukes stated the majority of the budget meetings are complete, recommendations should be made in mid- May, with the public hearing being held the first meeting in June and the adoption in the second meeting in June. Mrs. Dukes thanked, Finance Director, Stephanie Black and her staff that have helped with these meetings. Mrs. Dukes stated she met with Moody Air Force Base leadership and received an update regarding the operations of the 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing and also looked at the Hightower Road project. Mrs. Dukes stated Lowndes County is working with South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC) EMS service and Lowndes County Fire Rescue for civil joint medical deployment, a new medical directive that we haven't had in the past. Mrs. Dukes stated Thomasville Humane Society has received a grant for spay and neuter from an organization called Best Friends and the Lowndes County Animal Services will be meeting with them to partner on free spay and neuter services. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes mentioned Lowndes County staff, Kevin Beals, Chad McLeod and J.D. Dillard placed third in the Homebuilders Golf Tournament.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Charles E. Carmickle, Jr., 3734 Robin Lane, addressed the commission regarding the need for speed bumps to be installed at the intersection of Greenridge Road and Robin Lane due to the increased traffic speeding through the area. Mr. Carmickle submitted a petition to the commission regarding the request.