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Utilities Radio Replacement

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request in the amount of \$64,160.45, to purchase twenty-two (22) radios from Motorola. Mr. Stalvey stated the current radios are outdated and no longer supported.

FY2023 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the grant. Mr. Tye stated Lowndes County was awarded the Delinquency Prevention Grant in April 2022 with this grant helping the low risk youth. Mr. Tye stated this grant is for a full year, October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023 and Lowndes County is eligible for up to \$50,000.00 in continuation funding and intends to apply for the full amount in order to continue the Strengthening Families Program. Mr. Tye stated Evidence Based Associates has indicated that they will not be able to serve as the program administrator for this grant; once funding is awarded, Lowndes County will solicit proposals from qualified service providers to continue providing the Strengthening Families Program. Mr. Tye stated locally, PeaceWay Counseling and Mediation is participating with this grant. Commissioner Evans asked how many families would this serve, Mr. Tye responded that currently twelve (12) families are being served and this will allow the program to serve two groups of twelve with a minimum of twenty-four (24) total. Commissioner Evans asked the age group which would be served, Mr. Tye stated seven year olds through seventeen year olds. Commissioner Marshall asked what percentage of participants are homeless, Mr. Tye stated to his knowledge no participants are homeless. Mr. Tye stated he would verify this information as well.

BID

Manhole Improvements Project

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County was awarded a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan for lift station and manhole improvements. Mr. Stalvey stated there are approximately 100 manholes in need of repair. Mr. Stalvey stated RPI, Inc. submitted the low bid in the amount of \$439,836.00.

South Lowndes Utilities Building Expansion

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated additional shop space is needed at the Land Application System (LAS). Mr. Stalvey stated that with the current inventory of pumps and generators, there is currently not enough space to store these items. Mr. Stalvey stated Kellerman Construction submitted the low bid in the amount of \$386,167.00.

REPORTS - County Manager

Chairman Slaughter recognized Leadership Lowndes members who were in attendance.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of a privileged attorney-client communication regarding potential or pending litigation and settlement. At 8:47 a.m. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of privileged