

## **Bid**

**Partial Renovation to the Second Floor - Administration Building**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the partial renovation of the second floor project is designed for the incoming inspections and permitting departments with Kellerman Construction submitting the low base bid and additive alternate #1 in the amount of \$313,282.00. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve Kellerman Construction as the low bidder, including additive alternate #1, in the amount of \$313,282.00, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Historic Lowndes County Courthouse Rehabilitation and Restoration – Furniture**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Lowndes County Courthouse Rehabilitation and Restoration furniture package was designed to fit all the spaces within the courthouse once the construction is complete. Mr. McLeod stated there were three companies that were interested in the proposal, but only one company submitted a proposal. Business Interiors submitted a base bid in the amount of \$109,923.14, the period furniture in the amount of \$164,560.29 for a total amount of \$274,483.43. Commissioner Griner asked why the other two companies did not bid, Mr. McLeod stated neither company had the time to research and submit a proposal. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked if Lowndes County had worked with Business Interiors before, Mr. McLeod responded yes, on a smaller scale, but he is confident they can handle this project. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the low bidder Business Interiors as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated Lowndes County has lost an employee this morning, Ms. Wendy Young. Mrs. Dukes stated her family is in our prayers and Ms. Young had been a county employee since 2015. Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission that Lowndes County Offices will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. The Construction Manager at Risk package will be out near the end of the month for the mental health expansion at the Lowndes County Jail. Mrs. Dukes stated the plans for the remodeling of the second floor with Permits and Inspections continue to move forward. Mrs. Dukes introduced Diane Carter as the Assistant Director of the Permits and Inspections Department. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission Appreciation Dinner is being held tomorrow evening in Adel. November 22nd at 6:00 a.m. is the Second Harvest Thanksgiving for Thousands. Mrs. Dukes asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye to update the Commission regarding the storm. Mr. Tye stated there is a tropical storm named Nicole, currently east of the Bahamas, and is expected to make landfall as a category 1 hurricane, coming up the peninsula of Florida. The current forecast has the center of the track going through Lowndes County with some tropical storm impacts possibly Thursday, mid-morning. Mr. Tye stated there will be a briefing held at 11:45 a.m. tomorrow morning. Mrs. Dukes stated departments are ready and prepared to take care of the community.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD** - There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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