

correct. Discussion occurred among the Commissioners. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Commission Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Purchase of Wetland Credits for Shiloh Road Bridge Project**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County is required to purchase 7.12 wetland credits as a result of the Shiloh Road Bridge Project. Mr. McLeod stated staff recommends the purchase of 7.12 wetland credits from Williams Investments, LLC in the amount of \$12,000.00 per credit, for a total amount of \$85,440.00. Mr. McLeod stated the answer from the question asked at the work session meeting regarding the number of acres being impacted, is 0.67 acres, which is ten credits, per acre. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase of wetland credits as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **FY25 5311 Regional Transit Resolution**

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is a continuing resolution with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) 5311 Regional Transit. Mr. Dillard stated the FY2025 grant submission due date is October 31, 2023. Commissioner Marshall asked for the estimated amount needed? Mr. Dillard answered there is not an amount from the County at this time. Commissioner Griner asked what was the grant for in 2023? Mr. Dillard answered he could get the total amount. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

### **Grove Pointe Lift Station Access Road**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the Grove Pointe lift station is located at the end of Courtland Circle cul-de-sac. For the past few years, the County has had issues getting to this site to perform the required maintenance due to the area bordering wetlands. Lowndes County Utilities and Engineering staff have determined the only solution is to build a concrete drive and turn around area to the lift station. Two bids were received, Rountree Construction for \$320,031.25 and Southland Contractors, Inc. for \$222,377.49. Mr. Stalvey stated both bids had minor clerical errors that did not affect the price. Staff recommends the low bidder, Southland Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$222,377.49. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve Southland Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$222,377.49, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **TIA 2023-05 Briggston Road Grading, Drainage, Base, and Paving Bids**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Briggston Road is a TIA approved project, 4.06 miles long, located just north of Clyattville and runs between Madison Highway and Old Clyattville Road. Mr. McLeod stated two bids were received with the low bidder being Reames and Son in the amount of \$3,892,229.54. Commissioner Marshall asked when this project is scheduled to begin? Mr. McLeod answered a month to get the contract signed, possibly 30-45 days. Commissioner Orenstein asked if the cost was within the estimated cost by the county? Mr. McLeod answered yes, we were \$500,000.00 over on the road construction part, but TIA was able to use our inflation factors to cover the cost. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve Reames and Son Construction as the low bidder in the amount of \$3,892,229.54, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.