

### **NC-TIA 2023-01 Rocky Hill Church Road Grading, Drainage, Base, and Paving Bids**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Rocky Hill Church Road is approximately 0.14 miles long and is located off of Clyattstone Road. Mr. McLeod stated three bids were received with the Scruggs Company being the low bidder in the amount of \$194,166.66. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the Scruggs Company in the amount of \$194,166.66, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Fire Rescue Station 10 Pavement Resurfacing Bids**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Fire Rescue Station #10 pavement resurfacing includes removing 6,578 square feet of asphalt and replacing it with approximately 7- 9 inches of concrete. The sole bidder is Rountree Construction Company in the amount of \$240,119.00. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this cost includes removal of the debris, Mr. McLeod answered yes, sir. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve Rountree Construction Company in the amount of \$240,119.00, Commissioners Evans and Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned the budget book was available to view on our website, thanks to Finance Director, Stephanie Black and her staff. Mrs. Dukes mentioned the following meetings being held throughout the week: Staff level Idalia after action meeting will be held at the EOC on Thursday, the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Children's Imagination Station is Thursday, September 28th, the COAD stakeholders meeting will be held October 3rd, the Lowndes County Employee Health Fair will be held at VSU in the Magnolia Room on October 5th, the Special Olympics will be hosted at Quiet Pines Golf Course on October 7th, staff will be working at Quiet Pines on Monday for the final clean up, the annual joint scrap tire event will be held October 9-20 at the Valdosta Public Works Department. Pending approval, October 25th will be the date of the ribbon cutting for the historic courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Dukes stated staff will be having discussions regarding a debris removal deadline. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker asked how long before a date will be decided? Mrs. Cumbus answered by the end of the week. Mrs. Dukes asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye, to introduce Anthony Toussaint, with the Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Recovery Center currently located at the Civic Center in Lowndes County, available 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily. Mr. Toussaint gave the Commission an update regarding the process of how citizens may apply/submit an SBA application. Commissioner Marshall asked what type of mistakes have been made to possibly disqualify someone? Mr. Toussaint answered common clerical errors, which if done in person, those mistakes decrease. Mr. Tye stated individual assistance for citizens, since opening a week ago Sunday at the civic center, since the declaration was approved, approximately 8,000 people registered for assistance. In Lowndes County close to two (2) million dollars has been approved in assistance. The maximum amount to receive is \$41,000.00, with only one being given out so far. Mr. Tye stated FEMA is still in the process of registering people, with FEMA staff being available at the Winnersville Classic as well. Chairman Slaughter gave the scenario that with a large population of citizens that are economically disadvantaged and if FEMA funding doesn't satisfy their need or make them whole, they go to SBA, get a low interest loan and if they are unable to satisfy the loan, are there other organizations at the recovery center that they could talk with regarding home repairs? Mr. Tye stated Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), is the state/national level volunteer organization and the role of VOAD is primarily to focus on the clean-up, no repairs. Commissioner Marshall appreciated the clarification of the maximum amount being received as \$41,000.00. Mr. Tye stated regarding the public assistance viable to governments, the main public assistance is debris removal. Mrs. Dukes stated we have to make sure the contractor