

Mr. McLeod answered yes sir. Chairman Slaughter asked if this is for equipment, not potable water? Mr. McLeod answered yes sir, this is for the cooling towers, chillers and boilers. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Vice Chairman Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Quarterly Controls Inspection Agreement**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the agreement. Mr. McLeod stated this renewal agreement is with ABM and includes four (4) inspections per year of the mechanical controls in the buildings owned by Lowndes County. This is a no-cost agreement for one year as part of the Bundles Energy Solutions (BES) project with ABM. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Stream Gauge Maintenance**

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the agreement in the amount of \$24,825.00. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated the turn out for the Special Olympics held Saturday at Quiet Pines Golf Course and Freedom Park was fantastic. Mrs. Dukes stated there were employee volunteers and Mrs. Rachel Thrasher and her team did a phenomenal job. Mrs. Dukes stated Lowndes County Fire Rescue provided medical assistance at both locations as well. The Lowndes County Employee Health Fair was held last Thursday at Valdosta State University in the Magnolia Room with 330 employees attending with HR Director, Kevin Beals and his team doing a great job with this event. October 1st kicks off Fire Prevention Month with this year's campaign being "Cooking Safety Starts with You" pay attention to fire prevention. Lowndes County Fire Rescue will be visiting schools sharing tips and safety advice. The Project Forge announcement is tomorrow with a reception at 11:00 a.m. at the McKey. An annual river clean up is scheduled for October 20th at 10:00 a.m. Invitations have been mailed for the historic courthouse ribbon cutting scheduled for October 25th at 10:00 a.m. One Valdosta-Lowndes is in the process of choosing a capital campaign consultant with meetings being held last week. Mrs. Dukes gave the Commission a copy of the Lowndes Grantee Snapshot end of the year report for July 2022 - June 2023 for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant. Mrs. Dukes stated this is the program Functional Family Therapy, where the counselors go into the homes and work with the entire family. Mrs. Dukes stated that out of 54 youth enrolled, the success/completion rate is 89%. Mrs. Dukes recognized Vice Chairman Wisenbaker and wished him a happy birthday.

Chairman Slaughter had a citizen inquiry regarding boat ramps in Lowndes County being upgraded to a program with Georgia Department of Natural Resources and asked for an update. Mr. McLeod responded Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority (VLPRA) has been in discussions with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and he will get an update. Commissioner Marshall mentioned next week is Homecoming for Valdosta State University.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - none**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session meeting at 5:59 p.m.