

discussion, but so far, the hydrologist who works for the National Weather Service feels comfortable with the gauges that we have.

Moody AFB Emergency Water Connection Easement Supplemental Agreement

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated an easement was granted to Lowndes County by the Air Force in 2023 for the emergency backup water connection from Lowndes County to Moody AFB. He stated that due to unforeseen conflicts after construction began, it was agreed upon by all parties to slightly shift the path of the waterline to avoid conflicts with the railroad and electric duct bank. This easement is located on Moody Air Force Base just south of Florida Road near the water plant. Mr. Stalvey stated the United States Air Force has provided Supplemental Agreement No.1 for acceptance and signature, adjusting the easement to include the final location of the water main. Staff recommends approval and authorize the Chairman to sign Supplemental Agreement No.1. Commissioner Smith asked if this is still a work in progress, Mr. Stalvey stated it is completed. Commissioner Smith asked if it is now being moved, Mr. Stalvey stated, just the easement, not the pipes.

Shiloh Road Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement, P.I. 0016272 Supplemental Agreement No. 1

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated, the original agreement dated 03/10/2021 with the Georgia Department of Transportation has a "not to exceed amount" of \$5,600,000.00, for the Shiloh Road Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement. He further stated staff asked the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) office for an additional funding request to cover the difference between the actual cost of the project and the agreement amount, of which is \$1,600,000.00. Mr. McLeod stated that after reviewing the initial TIA budget, bid amount, and projected tax collections for TIA, the TIA office has agreed to provide additional funds of \$1,600,000.00, to cover the total cost of the project.

BID

Shiloh Road Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement, P.I. 0016272 Bids

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Shiloh Road Resurfacing and Bridge Replacement is a TSPLOST 1 approved project. The project consists of a detour bridge, removal of the existing bridge, construction of the new bridge, relocation of the existing pump station, grading, and resurfacing of 0.53 miles. Mr. McLeod stated the new bridge will be constructed at an elevation 11.6 feet higher than the existing bridge. Bids were opened on July 31, 2025 and two (2) bids were received. The Scruggs Company submitted the low bid in the amount of \$6,400,444.98, and Reames and Son Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$6,494,433.42. Mr. McLeod stated the TIA office has given Lowndes County a Construction Notice to Proceed based on their review of the bids. The original estimate for this project was \$5,600,000.00, which included engineering, surveying, environmental, right-of-way, and construction. With this bid, the total project cost will be \$7,200,000.00. TIA has approved to provide the additional funds to cover the difference. Commissioner Marshall asked about the turnaround time, Mr. McLeod responded eighteen months. Mr. McLeod further stated this project does have a detour bridge. Commissioner Smith asked if this bridge had flooded in the past. Mr. McLeod responded, yes, and they based the elevation off of the 2009 floods, and they are above that elevation mark. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the location of the bridge. Mr. McLeod responded, about three quarters of a mile from the interstate just past Val Tech Road.