

Enhancement and Innovation/Law Enforcement Grant

Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating the Commission heard from Mr. Geoffrey Martin during the work session meeting regarding the grants. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the grants as presented, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Motorola Migration Assurance Plan (MAP)

911 Director, Tonya Davis, presented the item. Mrs. Davis stated the Motorola Migration Assurance Plan (MAP) is a continuation of our existing evergreen agreement, which has been in place since 2017, that provides the ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and system enhancements required to sustain the Public Safety Radio System. Our current agreement expires in August 2027. The agreement presented for consideration allows us to secure pricing at current rates, with the new term beginning in September 2027 and extending through August 2032. The total cost is \$5,039,730.00, of that amount, approximately \$2,143,327.00, will be for equipment planned for use with future SPLOST funds. Mrs. Davis thanked Motorola Account Manager with the Southwest Georgia Area, Corey Miller, and Motorola MR Representative at Mobile Communications America, Ben Bray. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the Motorola Migration Assurance Plan in the amount of \$5,039,730.00, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

LAS Pump Station Upgrade

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the next step in upgrading the LAS and increasing the permit capacity is replacing the existing pump station. The current station has three pumps, with additional fields under irrigation; the new station will have four pumps. Additionally, we will be installing a back-up generator to provide emergency power to the pump station. The project was advertised, and three bids were received. Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. \$3,487,498.00, RPI Underground, Inc. \$3,700,144.00, and James Warren & Associates, \$3,932,804.15. Bids included an alternate manufacturer, USEMCO, for the pump station. After consultation with the engineer and references, staff chose the alternate manufacturer, resulting in a \$922,192.56 savings. Staff recommends approval and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. for \$2,565,305.44. Commissioner Marshall inquired if Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. was a local company. Mr. Stalvey responded that the company is located in Doerun, Georgia and they have done some work for Lowndes County in the past. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the low bidder, Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$ 2,565,305.44, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, recognized Josh Dawson, an extension agent, with the Fort Valley State University Extension Office. He is a recent graduate of Leadership Lowndes, and he continues to lead our agriculture community, also he will be updating the commission in January. Mrs. Dukes recognized Mr. Gary Doddard and explained he is in layman's terms, our community liaison with Moody Air Force Base. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes recognized Mr. Alvin Payton whom she serves with on the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority, and she greatly appreciates his leadership. Mrs. Dukes mentioned the bicentennial events coming to a close with a few events left before the end of the year. Mrs. Dukes thanked the Public Information Officer, Meghan Barwick, and her staff for all of their efforts in coordinating all the events related to the bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Dukes