

Abandonment of Grice Road

Chairman Slaughter stated staff is requesting this item to be tabled with no set meeting date to be given. Commissioner Evans made a motion to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Lakes Blvd Water Meter Relocation

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Lowndes County is expanding its water service area on Lakes Blvd in order to meet commercial development needs in the area. This will require the water meter between the City of Lake Park and Lowndes County to be relocated approximately 1,100 feet to the east. Staff advertised the project and three bids were received by James Warren & Associates \$63,801.00, Killeen Construction Company \$66,737.00, and RPI, Inc. \$76,100.00. Staff recommends approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with James Warren & Associates in the amount of \$63,801.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the low bidder, James Warren & Associates in the amount of \$63,801.00, seconded by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes mentioned the items below for review:

- o The Southern Georgia Regional Commission Annual Report.
- o A list of board and agency appointee information to be considered for the next calendar year.
- o Public Information's Visitor Recap for the Lowndes County Historic Courthouse.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Mary Roe, 4515 Jones Lane, addressed the commission and requested that the commission consider the paving of Green Road. Ms. Roe stated that she has spoken to property owners in the area regarding this matter. Ms. Roe mentioned two property owners were present, Mr. Melton Henry and Mr. Willie Jones. Ms. Roe further stated that Mr. Junior Richardson and Mr. Bob Langdale were unable to attend.

Dr. Amanda Hall, 2102 North Sherwood Drive, addressed the commission regarding pet overpopulation. Dr. Hall stated that Brooks County has recently revised its animal control ordinance, which is stricter than Lowndes County's Animal Control Ordinance. Dr. Hall expressed a desire for solutions to address the issue of pet overpopulation.

Susan Wehling, 2410 Georgia Avenue, addressed the commission regarding the homeless individuals being unable to use public restrooms in downtown Valdosta and instead attempting to use facilities at local businesses. Additionally, Ms. Wehling stated she is opposed to the approval of the rezoning of Mr. Pope Langdale's property for data centers. She expressed concerns regarding the amount of water used by data centers, estimating usage between 300,000 - 1,000,000 gallons per day, as well as concerns about increased power costs.

Leigh Touchton, 610 Mack Drive, addressed the commission regarding data centers. Ms. Touchton stated that data centers are significant contributors to carbon dioxide emitters and expressed concern about their impact on climate change. Ms. Touchton also mentioned that a member of the commission has endorsed a Republican candidate running against U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff and requested that the Commission stop endorsing political candidates.