

included the entire length of Radar Site Road. Mr. McLeod answered yes. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked if this was resurfacing. Mr. McLeod responded that it will be resurfaced with two layers, temporary striping, permanent striping and RPM's. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the low bidder, the Scruggs Company in the amount of \$1,491,023.01, seconded by Commissioners Evans and Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the items below:

Due to weather, the ribbon cutting for the mental health expansion at the Lowndes County Jail has been moved to March 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

LEAD's (Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner), sponsored by the Valdosta Rotary Club to benefit first responders, will be held tomorrow from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Rainwater Conference Center. Lowndes County Fire Rescue Class 25-02 will graduate on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowndes County Historic Courthouse.

Andy Severin with the Lowndes County Fire Rescue Department will be retiring and that ceremony will be held on March 17th at 11:30 a.m. at 903 North Patterson Street.

On March 19th, there will be an Eagle Scout Ceremony at the Lowndes County Historic Courthouse.

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested that following the citizens wishing to be heard, she would like to request an executive session for the acquisition of real estate.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Madeline Jarnagin, 1201 Ravenwood Circle, addressed the commission in opposition to data centers. Ms. Jarnagin discussed the proposed data center on Coleman Road and expressed her concerns and asked that citizens be included in meetings and transparency. Mrs. Jarnagin also mentioned noise and light pollution and if any proposed barriers to help with noise/light.

Andrew Swann completed and submitted a 'citizens wishing to be heard' form. However, when Chairman Slaughter called his name during the meeting, he was not present.

Michael Noll, 2305 Glynnedale Drive, addressed the commission in opposition to data centers. Mr. Noll expressed concerns regarding the significant water consumption and high electricity demands associated with these facilities. Mr. Noll cited potential negative impacts, including increased noise, air and light pollution, and declining real estate values. Mr. Noll requested that a Development of Regional Impact study be conducted and recommended the establishment of a citizen community committee to further evaluate and address these concerns.

Sandra Jordan completed and submitted a 'citizens wishing to be heard' form. However, when Chairman Slaughter called her name during the meeting, she was not present.

Marguerite Gravlee, 1209 Cloverhill Road, addressed the commission in opposition to data centers. Ms. Gravlee requested that any such facilities be located away from residential areas.

Elizabeth Flail, 1209 Ravenwood Circle, addressed the commission in opposition to data centers. Ms. Flail requested that the commission consider alternative locations that would not be near residential homes.