

Pine Straw Harvesting Agreement

Utility Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated staff solicited bids to harvest pine straw at the Land Application Site in south Lowndes County. Mr. Stalvey stated the highest bid submitted was provided by Southern Pine Needles of NC, LLC, in the amount of \$36,250.00.

Request to Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear

EMA Director/Fire Chief, Ashley Tye, presented a request to purchase firefighting turnout gear in the amount of \$28,327.04, from Ten-8 Fire Equipment. Chief Tye stated the fire department recently conducted an annual gear inspection and identified 14 sets of gear that were near expiration or in poor condition. Chairman Slaughter asked if the turnout gear is custom fitted to which Chief Tye replied yes. Chief Tye explained that standard sizes may not fit as well and can work against firefighters, making it more difficult for them to move. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if the cost included helmets, to which Chief Tye replied no.

Standard Utility / Contract Item Agreement for Exit 2 Utility Relocation

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the contract. Mr. Stalvey stated the agreement between Lowndes County and the Georgia Department of Transportation will provide for the relocation of county utilities for the Exit 2 realignment project. Mr. Stalvey further stated the work will be completed at no cost to Lowndes County.

Lease Agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Division of Family & Children Services (DFACS)

Project Manager, Chad McLeod, presented a lease agreement between Lowndes County and the State Properties Commission for 26,500 square feet of space for the Division of Family and Children Services, in the amount of \$407,304.96. Mr. McLeod stated the agreement includes three additional one-year periods of lease if allowed to renew.

2020 Stop Loss Insurance Coverage Through Symetra Life Ins. Company

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the annual Stop Loss coverage related to Lowndes County's self insured employee insurance plan, in the amount of \$906,684.00. Mr. Beals stated that after EPIC shopped rates for the new year, Symetra offered the best terms with the lowest available rate.

Set Qualifying Fees

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a resolution for consideration to set the qualifying fees for the 2020 election cycle.

BIDS

Bid for a 3,000 Gallon Tanker for the Fire Department

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a bid to purchase a tanker for Lowndes County Fire Rescue.