

Approval of Hightower Road and Cooper Road Right of Way Purchases, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a request in the amount of \$10,195.00, for the purchase of right of way. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County has negotiated purchase of right of way related to the proposed paving projects for property numbers 13,14,15,16,17,18,19,22 and 33. Mr. Fletcher additionally stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote.

Purchase of Wetland and Stream Credits for Old US 41 North Widening Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented a proposal from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$168,880.00, for the purchase of wetland and stream credits as a result of the Old US 41 North widening project.

Just Compensation - Right of Way Parcel 10 Hightower Road and Cooper Road, TSPLOST Project, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County needs to acquire fee simple right of way for a drainage easement on Cooper Road. Mr. Fletcher stated the Commission must approve a "just compensation" cost, which in this case has been determined to be \$339.00.

Approval of the Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Award, Solicitor-General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated the Solicitor's office has been approved to receive \$50,000.00, in federal funds, adding the grant cycle is a four-year period with continuation funding required annually. Ms. Hayes further stated the cash match required by the county is \$19,167.00.

Request for the Purchase of Motorola Radios for Public Works, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, presented a request in the amount of \$34,024.64, to purchase sixteen radios from Motorola. Mrs. Cumbus stated the current radios are outdated and no longer supported.

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan Application for the Lake Park Bellville Road Widening Project, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to apply for a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan in the amount of \$1,974,139.00, to be used for the widening of Lake Park Bellville Road which requires county utilities to be relocated.

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan Application for Lift Station & Manhole Rehab Project, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to apply for a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, to be used for utility projects. Mr. Stalvey stated there is a component which allows for forgiveness up to \$625,000.00.

GMASS Rural Land Maintenance Contract, Chief Appraiser, Silas Hrobar, presented a contract in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the maintenance updates to the rural land schedule for the 2021 digest. Mr. Hrobar stated the Board of Assessors approved the contract prior to the Commission's consideration.