

**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 ways. 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 for Hightower Road and Cooper Road, TSPLOST project. Mr. Fletcher additionally stated the Commission is required to approve each of the acquisitions in a public vote. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve this request, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Purchase of Wetland and Stream Credits for Old US 41 North Widening Project**, County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher stated Lowndes County is required to purchase 4.56 wetland credits and 83 stream credits as a result of the Old US 41 North widening project. Mr. Fletcher stated staff recommends the purchase of 4.56 wetland credits for \$5,000.00, per credit and 83 stream credits, for \$1,760.00, from Williams Investments, LLC, for a total amount of \$168,880.00. Mr. Fletcher stated there was no invoice from the Corp of Engineers, but an email was received verifying the amount. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked what is a wetland/stream credit, Mr. Fletcher responded it's a unit of trade used to offset ecological losses that occur on wetlands or waters. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**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. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioners Orenstein and Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Solicitor General's VAWA Competitive Grant Award**, Chairman Slaughter presented the item stating the Commission heard from Ms. Hayes with the Solicitor General's Office during the work session. No further discussion took place. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the grant as presented to include the \$19,167.00, cash match as required, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**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. Commissioner Orenstein asked if these radios go through dispatch, Mrs. Cumbus responded yes. Vice Chairman Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**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. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.