

Acceptance of the Quit Claim Deed from the Georgia Department of Transportation for 9.014 acres

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Lowndes County requested the former rest area property just north of Hahira on the west side of I-75 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. McLeod stated the total acreage is 9.014 acres and joins the North Lowndes Recreation Complex. The Georgia Department of Transportation sent a Quit Claim Deed for the property to be recorded. Mr. McLeod stated the deed does contain a reversionary clause that the property must be used for specified use, for the potential use of Parks and Recreation or other related purposes. Commissioner Orenstein stated this is a huge expansion for Parks and Recreation and expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Dukes and Mr. McLeod. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Lowndes County Judicial Complex Courtroom Audio and Visual Replacement for 10 Courtrooms

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated staff has been working with all of the judges on a plan to replace the audio and visual equipment in the ten courtrooms in the Judicial Complex. Mr. McLeod stated the equipment is no longer working and obsolete. Mr. McLeod stated staff has been working with S&L Integrated for professional services to replace this equipment in the amount of \$944,072.72. Commissioner Orenstein asked if this is the first time this equipment is being replaced, Mr. McLeod answered yes. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated the acceptance of property donations does not happen very often and thanked the County Attorney, Walter Elliott and his staff for their assistance. Mrs. Dukes thanked those for attending the ribbon cuttings for the drafting pit last week and the shooting range cover held this morning. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes mentioned the swearing in of the second recruit class with Lowndes County Fire Rescue, who will be moving into the Bemiss station. Mrs. Dukes stated budget meetings will be held in the upcoming weeks. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus and her staff have been working on the drainage issues in our area. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission the County Offices will be closed for Good Friday on April 15, 2022.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD - There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marshall wished everyone in attendance a Happy Easter. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the North Lowndes Fire Station was under construction yet, Mrs. Dukes answered no. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if the hiring process had started, Mrs. Dukes responded yes. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 6:18 p.m.