

**Val-Del Water Main Extension**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented a request to extend the watermain on Val-Del Road from Lucas Richardson Road to McMillan Road. This work involves the installation of approximately 7,250 linear feet of 16" HDPE water main, fire hydrants, valves, bores and all other appurtenances necessary to complete this project. Mr. Stalvey stated James Warren and Associates, Inc. submitted the low bid in the amount of \$980,051.00 and Radney Plumbing, Inc. (RPI) was the next lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,227,670.25. Commissioner Marshall asked the timeline for this project, Mr. Stalvey answered 150 days, once the pipe is delivered. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, mentioned a meeting with Attorney, Haynes Studstill, with the Studstill Law Firm, regarding the opioid litigation. Currently, Lowndes County has received approximately \$178,000.00 from the first settlement. After meeting with Mrs. Studstill there is a second settlement and Mrs. Studstill will be attending the next commission meeting to provide a resolution and directions on how to proceed. Mrs. Dukes thanked Mrs. Rachel Bowen for her research and her work with the grants. Lowndes County will be hosting Leadership Lowndes for Local Government Day on Thursday. This Friday and Saturday, Lowndes County Fire Rescue will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and advertising next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade at Georgia Beer. An invitation was received from Beth Meeks, with Georgia Grown, for the Georgia Grown Agriculture Awareness Week Kickoff, being held Monday at 8:30 a.m. at Fifth Day Farms. Mrs. Dukes stated upcoming ribbon cuttings will be held Thursday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. for the Highway 41 Widening Project held at the intersection of Highway 41 North and Clyattstone Road and Friday, March 24th, at 10:30 a.m. at the North Lowndes Sports Complex. Mrs. Dukes stated work will continue on the Griner Property with recent delays due to the weather. Commissioner Marshall asked for a completion date regarding the parking lot in the back of our building, Mr. McLeod responded it is a four-month contract, with a completion date around May 2023.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -**

J.D. Rice, 501 Knob Hill Drive, addressed the commission regarding petitions collected from citizens in regards to building a memorial tribute to African American military men and women of Lowndes County. Mr. Rice asked that this request for a monument be placed on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Rice submitted petitions he collected.

Mr. Blake Robinson, 3819 Schroer Road, submitted his request after 5:30 p.m. Chairman Slaughter stated that he would speak with Mr. Robinson after the meeting adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.