

access will be available to 16,193 residential locations and 1,434 business locations in Lowndes County. Mrs. Bowen stated the project has a completion deadline of December 31, 2026, but Windstream has agreed to complete this project on or before December 31, 2024. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if a map was available with the locations to be serviced, Mrs. Bowen responded yes.

PowerPhone Emergency Medical Dispatch with CAD Integration

911 Director, Danny Weeks, presented the item. Mr. Weeks stated the PowerPhone has been used for many years in public safety and this will allow staff to do away with flip chart books and make direct entry into the CAD system to allow more efficient delivery of pre-arrival medical instructions to callers. Mr. Weeks stated training will be included in this package. Mr. Weeks stated \$85,000.00, will be coming out of this year's budget, with the remaining \$31,286.00, being paid in the fiscal year 2024. Commissioner Marshall asked why is \$31,286.00 coming out of next year's budget, County Manager, Paige Dukes, answered it is our preference to pay the full amount when the project is completed.

BID

A New Headquarters for Second Harvest of South Georgia

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the new headquarters for Second Harvest of South Georgia was awarded an \$18 million dollar CDBG-CV grant. The construction budget is \$21 million and Second Harvest is responsible for anything over \$18 million. Mr. McLeod stated on February 9, 2023, Lowndes County did receive one bid in the amount of \$24,565,000.00 from Quillian Powell Construction. Quillian Powell Construction did provide many alternates and staff began to look at value engineering and came to a construction contract amount of \$21,853,779.00, with this amount being acceptable to the user agency and the contractor.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, requested an executive session for the purpose of privileged attorney-client communication regarding the acquisition of real estate. At 8:52 a.m. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of privileged attorney-client communication regarding the purchase of real estate, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 a.m. Chairman Slaughter reconvened the work session with no additional information being discussed. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting.