

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the request in the total amount of \$116,286.00, Vice Chairman Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the timeline for this project, Mr. McLeod stated this is a 540-day contract. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to award the bid to the sole bidder, Quillian Powell Construction, in the amount of \$21,853,779.00, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, commended Finance Senior Accountant, Rachel Bowen for her continued work regarding the Build Agreement and Opioid Agreement. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Bowen continues to be an asset to Lowndes County. Mrs. Dukes thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cuttings last week at Highway 41 and the North Lowndes Sports Complex. This past Saturday, the County participated in the Great American Cook Off to benefit the Boys and Girls Club, with Chief Green and his team echoing their support to Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioner Evans for attending. Mrs. Dukes stated the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office won this competition with Lowndes County Firefighter Brad Cartee winning the fishing tournament. This Thursday, the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) will host a Heroes of Hope luncheon being held at The Patterson at 11:30 a.m. kicking off Child Abuse Prevention month. This Friday, at 7:30 a.m. Lowndes County staff will be attending Hahira Middle School Career Showcase. Also, this Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Chief Green and his staff will be giving equipment that is no longer needed to the Colquitt County Fire Department. Mrs. Dukes mentioned this past Wednesday, the Planning and Zoning Department visited Moody Air Force Base for a tour.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Curt Williams, 4004 Walden Road, addressed the commission stating he is the HOA President and there is an issue with drainage due to a pond overflowing at 3752 Mt. Zion into the Walden Woods subdivision. Mr. Williams asked for any guidance or suggestions regarding this issue. Chairman Slaughter asked Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, to speak with Mr. Williams after the meeting concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.