

## **BID**

### **Emergency Repair Bid - Lowndes County Sheriff's Office Special Operation Division Building and Work Detail Building**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated that on September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene damaged the Special Operation Division building and Work Detail buildings. Staff has filed the claim with insurance and followed all procurement procedures for FEMA. The insurance adjuster and insurance engineer have been to the site for their inspections. Mr. McLeod stated that under the emergency purchases' policy, staff was able to procure two quotes from pre-engineered metal building companies to repair the buildings, Superior Metal Buildings in the amount of \$59,369.34 and Gary Weaver Construction in the amount of \$62,280.00. Mr. McLeod stated staff has issued a notice to proceed to Superior Metal Buildings and the work is fifty percent complete. Staff is asking for approval of Superior Metal Buildings in the amount of \$59,369.34 for the emergency repairs. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve Superior Metal Buildings in the amount of \$59,369.34, second by Commissioner Marshall. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Alapaha Plantation Water Treatment Plant New Wells & Water Main Extension**

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Alapaha Plantation water system continues to experience issues with disinfection by-products and is currently under a consent order with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). County staff has worked closely with Lovell Engineering, TTL geologist and Georgia EPD have determined the need to drill two new supply wells to provide water to Alapaha Plantation. These wells will be approximately 7200' away from the river. This project will involve the two wells, running a water main to the existing water treatment plant and an additional 20,000-gallon storage tank. Mr. Stalvey stated three bids were received with Standard Contractors submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$1,711,265.60. Commissioner Orenstein asked when will this project begin, Mr. Stalvey responded upon approval. Commissioner Orenstein asked when will the results be available, Mr. Stalvey responded three - four months upon completion. Commissioner Marshall asked if residents have been notified, Mr. Stalvey responded yes. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve Standard Contractors in the amount of \$1,711,265.60, second by Commissioner Orenstein.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, reported the following:

- Mrs. Dukes stated on Monday that Chief Young was notified by Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council that our recent audit of all the department's training records and accountability required to remain accredited had been audited, and the department passed inspections with no negative remarks.
- Yesterday marked the end of the debris removal program related to Hurricane Helene.
- Mrs. Dukes and Mrs. Mindy Bates met with the Home Builders Association of South Georgia Governmental Affairs Committee and Mrs. Bates gave an overview of permits and inspections over the last year. Mrs. Dukes commended Mrs. Bates and her team of inspectors for doing a phenomenal job.
- Lunch on the Lawn this Friday with a special thanks to Mrs. Meghan Barwick and her team. Lunch on the Lawn begins at 11:00 a.m. kicking off the Valdosta Bluesberry Festival, Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. with an outdoor painting competition of the historic courthouse and the Quiet Pines staff with Mrs. Rachel Thrasher will be making blueberry pancakes.