

Section 4.07.06, second by Commissioner Orenstein. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Service Agreement with SGRC to Perform Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ashley Tye stated Lowndes County received a grant to hire a contractor to assist with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission will be used and they have done the last two updates for Lowndes County with no issues. Commissioner Smith asked how often we have to do this update, Mr. Tye responded every five years. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the item as presented, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Purchase of one (1) Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumper

Fire Chief, Billy Young, presented the item. Chief Young stated the Lowndes County Fire Department requests approval to proceed with the purchase of one Sutphen Heavy Duty Pumper. This apparatus will be placed in service at Station #9 (Westside) in the amount of \$1,063,876.64. This apparatus and equipment will be completed within approximately 36-38 months. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked how long is this truck, Chief Young responded it is the standard truck which has been purchased previously. Commissioner Orenstein mentioned the cost increase, Chairman Slaughter responded this is why we are trying to approve this now at today's pricing, not the cost in three years. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if this truck will fit in the station at Westside, Chief Young answered yes. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, second by Vice Chairperson Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Highway 94 East Property

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County owns a 0.86-acre parcel of property located on Georgia State Highway 94 East. It is surrounded by property owned by the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority. The County is not using the parcel and has no plans to use it. If the County conveys it to the Industrial Authority, it will be combined with the adjoining Industrial Authority property and used for the Authority's purposes for the benefit of the public. The conveyance is authorized by Georgia law. A proposed quit claim deed of the property to the Industrial Authority is attached in the packet. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the proposed conveyance and authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed quit claim deed subject to acceptance by the Industrial Authority, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

A New Facility for Lowndes County Fire Rescue No. 4

Mr. McLeod stated a new facility for Lowndes County Fire Rescue Station No. 4 is a 13,296 sq. ft. building that is proposed to be constructed at 4111 Stewart Circle. The new facility includes Fire Rescue living quarters, EMS living quarters, four truck bays, and all site work. Lowndes County Fire Rescue currently operates out of the older volunteer station located at 4007 Old US 41 North, this location is temporary and not intended for long-term use. The new station is the next step in the previously approved expansion plan for Lowndes County Fire Rescue. Staff received five bids on May 23, 2025 and Kellerman Construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$4,767,660.00 in 270 days to complete the build. Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to approve the low bidder, Kellerman