

was asked from Commissioner Marshall related to future AI capabilities and this system being able to accept that technology. Mrs. Davis responded that this does provide for any future technology upgrades and enhancements through 2032. Commissioner Smith asked regarding the quantity of 12 consoles, if there may be a need for additional consoles in the upcoming years. Mrs. Davis stated twelve (12) consoles are sufficient with nine (9) currently being used and three (3) consoles were built in to be used for overflow, such as hurricanes.

BID

LAS Pump Station Upgrade

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the next step in upgrading the LAS and increasing the permit capacity is replacing the existing pump station. The current station has three pumps, with additional fields under irrigation; the new station will have four pumps. Additionally, we will be installing a back-up generator to provide emergency power to the pump station. The project was advertised, and three bids were received. Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. \$3,487,498.00, RPI Underground, Inc. \$3,700,144.00, and James Warren & Associates, \$3,932,804.15. Bids included an alternate manufacturer, USEMCO, for the pump station. After consultation with the engineer and references, staff chose the alternate manufacturer, resulting in a \$922,192.56 savings. Staff recommends approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Doyle Hancock and Sons Construction Company, Inc. for \$2,565,305.44. Commissioner Smith asked if this was one of the last ARPA projects to fund. Ms. Black responded that this comes from the state ARPA grant. There is a match that comes out of the federal APRA fund, but the majority is out of the state ARPA fund.

REPORTS - County Manager

Mrs. Dukes deferred her report until tomorrow evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slaughter recognized City of Valdosta Councilwoman Sandra Tooley for being in attendance this morning.

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Smith. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.