

Approval of Clyattstone Rd.-Simpson Ln. ROW Purchases

County Engineer, Mike Fletcher, presented the item. Mr. Fletcher presented right of way purchases for property numbers 24, 25, 29 and 38. Commissioner Orenstein asked how many properties remain, to which Mr. Fletcher replied nine. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchases as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Abandoned Mobile Homes

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, presented a request to appoint Code Enforcement Director, Mindy Bates, Lowndes County's Local Government Agent, in accordance with the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the appointment as requested, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BID

Bid for a 3,000 Gallon Tanker for the Fire Department

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase a 3,000 gallon tanker with Innovative Fire Group submitting the low bid, in the amount of \$399,414.00, with a discount option in the amount of \$388,355.00. Vice Chairman Marshall asked if the purchase is included in the current budget, to which County Manager, Joe Pritchard, replied yes. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the low bidder at the pay upon order price of \$388,355.00, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Request to Purchase New Firefighter Turnout Gear

Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase 14 sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$28,327.04 from Ten-8 Fire Equipment. Vice Chairman Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Joe Pritchard, stated that during their annual retreat, the Commission asked staff to further develop a recommendation for providing a higher level of fire protection to residents in the unincorporated area. As a result, Mr. Pritchard, asked Finance Director, Stephanie Black, to provide information related to funding options and timelines.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Chico Gramardie, 9251 US Highway 84 West, Quitman, Georgia, addressed the Commission regarding the American Workers Foundation and requested \$13,500.00 in funding.

Michael Noll, 2305 Glendale Drive, addressed the Commission to request additional consideration be given to the funding level of Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful.