

**Opioid Litigation**, County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated this is an addition to the agenda from yesterday's work session. Mrs. Dukes stated the attorneys representing local governments in pending opioid litigation have reached an agreement with the Georgia Attorney General for allocation of proposed distributor settlements between local governments and the State of Georgia. As a part of that, there is consideration needed for a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements. Mrs. Dukes stated special counsel for Lowndes County, Haynes Studstill and Cale Conley recommend Lowndes County approve and agree to be bound by this Memorandum of Understanding, with staff presenting for your consideration. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

**2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan Restriping**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Safety Action Plan Restriping bid includes 63 linear miles of paved county roads. Mr. McLeod stated the restriping includes restriping the centerline, edgeline, stopbars and pavement markings, as well as installing raised pavement markers. Lowndes County received \$150,000.00 of LMIG funding assistance with the remaining being paid from SPLOST VIII. Mr. McLeod stated Peek Pavement submitted the low bid in the amount of \$281,529.50. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chairman Evans and Commissioner Oresnstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, thanked Elizabeth Backe, with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, for her leadership and help with the comprehensive plan. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Mr. Dillard and Mrs. Barwick attended a conference in Gainesville for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Planning Institute. Further, Mrs. Dukes stated Ms. Stephanie Black and herself graduated from an online leadership course offered by NACO and hopefully the department heads will be able to take this class as well. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission that County Offices would be closed for the Veterans Day Holiday, Thursday, November 11, 2021, being observed by Lowndes County for the first time this year.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Catherine Grant, Greyfield Circle, addressed the commission with questions related to the Board of Elections. County Manager, Paige Dukes, responded to Ms. Grant stating the Grand Jury appoints the members to the Board of Elections and the appointed board hires staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the regular session, Commissioner Evans second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.