

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Project Delivery Application - Coleman Road NW,** Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Coleman Road NW is on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Constrained list to start professional engineering in March 2022. Mr. McLeod stated staff is asking for the commission to approve the local project delivery application which starts the process to allow Lowndes County to manage the project and procurement process. Vice Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign for Coleman Road, NW, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Project Delivery Application - Kinderlou-Clyattville Road,** Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Kinderlou-Clyattville Road is on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Constrained list to start professional engineering in August 2022. Mr. McLeod stated staff is asking for the commission to approve the local project delivery application which starts the process to allow Lowndes County to manage the project and procurement process. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign for Kinderlou-Clyattville Road, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Internal Network Firewalls,** IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this is a request to purchase two internal firewalls and these firewalls will create a virtual air gap for certain crucial network devices. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the purchase of two internal firewalls for the north and south data centers in the total amount of \$72,653.86, Commissioner Griner second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, stated the Lowndes County Bird Supper was held last week and was a success and thanked Mrs. Meghan Barwick and Mrs. Belinda Lovern for their help in coordinating the event. The Lowndes County Bird Supper is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 1st next year. Mrs. Dukes stated the broadband grant for 22.5 million dollars, received from the state, will be between six - eight weeks for the terms and conditions to be released regarding this grant. Mrs. Dukes mentioned confirmation had been received that the Enabling Legislation update bill has been introduced and Mrs. Dukes thanked County Attorney, Walter Elliott, for all of his help. Mrs. Dukes mentioned the Second Harvest DCA grant kick-off meeting was held this morning. Mrs. Dukes asked Mr. McLeod for an update on Mud Swamp Road. Mr. McLeod stated since the commission approved moving forward with Mud Swamp Road the survey work for the plat has been completed and turned in last week with the final revisions. Staff and Mr. Elliott will be reviewing and preparing deeds for the project. Mr. McLeod stated staff is working on where the drainage easements are needed and building up the road with the engineer. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes mentioned one of the utility employees, Mr. Mark Holmes, who works for Mr. Steve Stalvey, has a son who is a Marine in the infantry and he has been deployed to the Russia Ukraine crisis. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD** - There were no citizens wishing to be heard.