

Bid for Vehicle Lift for Mechanical Shop at Public Works, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a bid to purchase a vehicle lift for the mechanical shop to be used for the maintenance of all fire trucks and other fire department equipment. Additionally, Ms. Black stated Stertil was the only bid received that met specifications, in the amount of \$44,900.00. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, gave the Commission an update regarding the fuel costs, stating the county paid \$1.97 per gallon for unleaded and \$2.05 per gallon for diesel in 2021 and currently, the cost is \$2.57 per gallon for unleaded and \$2.98 per gallon for diesel. Mrs. Dukes stated Mr. Kevin Beals has heard from the solid waste providers and a fuel consideration request may be made with the renewal of the franchise agreements deadline approaching. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes stated she briefed staff regarding the Commission Retreat and we are now moving forward with preparing for the budget. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Leadership Lowndes Local Government Day will be held Thursday, March 17th. Mrs. Dukes stated Fire Chief, Lloyd Green, will be meeting next week with Georgia Forestry regarding illegal burning. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes asked EMA Director, Ashley Tye, to update the Commission on the weather tomorrow.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Carol Singletary, 4871 Gary Lane, addressed the commission regarding the contract for the Public Defender's office asking if there was any additional cost. Ms. Singletary also mentioned the schools in the Lowndes County School System to have the same level of commitment countywide. Lastly, Mr. Singletary mentioned an accident that occurred today on Highway 31 near PCA and the convenience store and how dangerous this area is with the traffic from the school and logging trucks.

Pam Hubbard, 2642 Moore Crossing Road, addressed the commission regarding the Board of Elections and how the members are appointed. Ms. Hubbard also stated other boards are listed on the county website and have the terms listed and she would like to request for the Board of Elections to show that as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Marshall second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session at 5:53 p.m.