

**Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Project Delivery Application - Old Clyattville Road Widening**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the local project delivery application starts the process to allow Lowndes County to manage the project and procurement process at the local government level. Mr. McLeod stated engineering will begin in the fall of 2022. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the application and authorize the Chairman to sign for the Old Clyattville Road Widening, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Cyber Security Maturity Continuation**, IT Director, Aaron Kostyu, presented the item. Mr. Kostyu stated this item is requested to enter the next phase of the Cyber Security Maturity model which began last year. Mr. Kostyu stated this year, the focus will be a comprehensive cyber security preparedness. Commissioner Marshall asked if ABM had done an assessment, Mrs. Dukes responded no, their focus is based on efficiency and this is based on risk. Commissioner Griner made a motion to approve the request as presented, Commissioner Marshall second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **BID**

**Bid for Tractor for Public Works**, Finance Director, Stephanie Black, presented a request to purchase a new tractor for right-of-way mowing. Ms. Black stated the county received two bids that met specifications. Commissioner Marshall asked regarding the delivery time, Public Works Director, Robin Cumbus, answered both vendors have the tractors in stock. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to award the bid to Southern Tractor in the amount of \$50,000.00, due to local vendor preference, Commissioner Evans second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, thanked the Commission for their confidence and support during the budget process and thanked the Finance and the Human Resource staff for their hard work. Mrs. Dukes stated the county held a required Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) meeting on Thursday, June 23rd which started a sixty-day window to complete the process. Mrs. Dukes stated Lowndes County staff visited the Thomasville Animal Shelter to review policies and procedures in preparing to move forward with Lowndes County's new Animal Shelter. Mrs. Dukes mentioned the Tourism Authority's meeting held this morning, in which she and Commissioner Evans attended and a feasibility study was discussed for a future phase of the conference center. Mrs. Dukes mentioned complaints in the unincorporated area related to chickens and updating the ULDC with provisions for chickens with guidelines. Further, Mrs. Dukes mentioned moving forward with the provision for the allowance of chickens prior to the final update of ULDC, with setback requirements as discussed. Mrs. Dukes reminded the Commission the offices will be closed Monday, for the July 4th holiday and the employees will be receiving an appreciation gift. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the time frame LOST is reviewed, Mrs. Dukes answered every ten years. Commissioner Griner thanked the staff for their hard work with the budget. Commissioner Evans expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to sit in on the budget meetings. Vice Chairman Orenstein stated he had heard great reviews regarding the budget process this year.

## **CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

John Robinson, 3227 San Juline Circle, addressed the commission to request a sewer line be installed in Clyattville at Williams School Road and Johnson Road to further his project. Vice Chairman Orenstein stated he would speak with Mr. Robinson after the meeting was adjourned.