

during the original contract and would like to move forward with the replacement of the boiler. Mr. McLeod stated that due to the nineteen (19) week lead time, the chillers will be ordered as soon as possible, if this request is approved. The project can be completed by amending the existing contract and lease financing to include both chillers and boiler plant upgrades. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked how old are the chillers, Mr. McLeod answered thirteen (13) years old. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked regarding a maintenance contract with the chillers, Mr. McLeod responded that the previous warranty information is being reviewed. Additionally, Mr. McLeod stated the manufacturer discontinued this model and parts are difficult to order for the chillers. Mrs. Dukes stated the chillers should last 30 years or longer. Mrs. Dukes stated in addition to ABM inspecting these chillers, Johnson Controls was brought in for a second opinion. Chairman Slaughter stated the chillers will need to be replaced and this is the best option, to amend the current plan with ABM. Commissioner Marshall asked if funding through ARPA was an option, Mrs. Dukes answered no, what can qualify under ARPA funds are those measures put in to make the air cleaner or to filter more and that has already been done with the ABM plan and this part of the hardware would not qualify. Chairman Slaughter mentioned it is important to go ahead and order this equipment, due to the delay in manufacturing and shipping.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, to update the commission regarding the potential hurricane impact of Hurricane Ian. Chairman Slaughter thanked Mr. Tye for his preparation and leadership during this time in helping the local governments and the citizens of Lowndes County to prepare. Mrs. Dukes stated there is a 1:00 p.m. meeting scheduled with all of the Department Heads today. Additionally, Mrs. Dukes mentioned the possibility of standing up the EOC on Wednesday, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.