

Patrol Car Laptop Lease, Chairman Slaughter requested this item to be withdrawn and reconsidered when staff has all of the information ready for consideration.

FY23 Law Enforcement Training Grant, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant, Joe Dukes, presented the grant. Lt. Dukes stated this grant will be used to purchase a virtual reality training system for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Dukes stated in addition to the Sheriff's Office, it will be used with other first responder agencies such as dispatch, allowing officers to be able to train in a virtual reality world to coordinate the escalation, use of force, marksmanship training and other judgmental type scenarios. Additionally, Lt. Dukes stated this will allow training to be held more often. Lt. Dukes recognized EMA Director, Ashley Tye and Community Development Director, Rachel Thrasher for their assistance with this grant. Vice Chairman Orenstein and Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the grant as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Service Delivery Agreement Consideration, Chairman Slaughter stated an approved agreement was received from the City of Valdosta and two signatures are needed from two of the smaller cities and no required action is needed at this time. Vice Chairman Orenstein asked to verify there is nothing to vote on at this time, Chairman Slaughter stated that is correct, not at this time.

Chairman Slaughter recognized the presence of City of Valdosta Councilman, Andy Gibbs.

BID

Exit 13 Lift Station and Force Main Project, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated the exit 13 collection system was installed several years ago with the understanding that the lift station would be installed once tenants were ready to build. Mr. Stalvey stated Second Harvest is due to break ground soon. Mr. Stalvey stated in addition to the lift station, 1070 feet of force main will be required to connect the lift station to the discharge manhole. Additionally, Mr. Stalvey stated two bids were received with RPI Underground, Inc. being the low bidder, in the amount of \$1,084,938.91. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Wisenbaker second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, congratulated Finance Director, Stephanie Black, on finishing the budget report and it's currently available on the county website. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Fire Prevention activities and thanked Fire Chief Lloyd Green and Fire Marshal Mark Maskule for the thousands of school children seen and also including adult education as well.

The Lowndes County 911 Center successfully received their reaccreditation and a media event has been scheduled at the 911 center to include dispatchers. Bids for remodeling on the second floor, for the permits and inspections departments, has come in at \$289,000.00 with additional information being compiled for the floor covering. Mrs. Dukes asked Mr. McLeod the time frame and Mr. McLeod responded it is a 120-day contract. Mrs. Dukes reported regarding the Board of Elections office with the only challenge being available parking. Staff will be meeting with the county attorney's office regarding the noise ordinance. The River Clean Up will be held on Friday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dukes met with Windstream related to the broadband expansion project and a town hall meeting will be held on November 7th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Commission Chambers