

received Legacy Water Group, LLC in the amount of \$9,754,718.88 and TB Landmark Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,489,762.50. Staff recommends approval of the low bidder, Legacy Water Group, LLC in the amount of \$9,754,718.88. Vice Chairman Wisenbaker made a motion to award the bid to Legacy Water Group, LLC in the amount of \$9,754,718.88, Commissioner Orenstein second. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, thanked the County Attorney, Walter Elliott, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Carter for their help with the ordinances for the Permitting and Inspections Department. The Valdosta Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority is in need of a new attorney. Mr. Gary Moser has retired, if anyone knows of a local attorney that might be interested. Mrs. Dukes stated some staff attended the Blazer Bingo held last Friday, in support of the Blazer athletics and their football team. Mrs. Dukes stated while attending this event, they found out a food pantry has been established for their players, if anyone would like to donate. On July 31st South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC) will be holding a public hearing regarding their reorganization and this will be held at 10:00 am in the lobby of SGMC. The relaunch of our website, www.lowndescounty.com, will begin August 3rd, Mrs. Sabrina Denson has worked with Mrs. Meghan Barwick and Mrs. Rachel Thrasher to update the website. On August 4th, employee volunteers will be supporting the Home Builders Association through their casino night fundraiser. Mrs. Barwick will be attending the ACCG and GMA Georgia Government Communicators Conference August 7-9 and she was also recently asked to speak at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) for their Communications major program. Lastly, Mrs. Dukes stated Briggston Road has been advertised. Commissioner Orenstein asked regarding the refresh on our website, August 3rd, what should we expect, major changes or improvements? Mrs. Dukes responded improvements; by taking a look at the analytics, also the site will be cleaner than what we currently have now. All of the ADA that has to be in place for website functionality has been updated, as well as refreshing the photography.

CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD -

Charles Robinson, 4053 Foxborough Blvd., addressed the Commission regarding the increase in property taxes and asked that the percentage be lowered by 10-15%.

Karen Carlisle, 6012 New Bethel Road, addressed the Commission regarding the concerns with the Lowndes County Board of Elections Office using the Dominion voting machines. Ms. Carlisle asked that paper ballots be used instead of the Dominion voting machines.

Blake Robinson, 3819 Schroer Road, addressed the Commission regarding consideration of establishing a Valdosta Lowndes Youth Commission.

Cheri Whitney, 4513 Water Oak Trail, addressed the Commission regarding not trusting the voting done on the computer systems used at the Board of Elections Office. Ms. Whitney stated QR codes are the biggest malware currently and she stated as a sovereign citizen, she does not want to cast her ballot on a computer.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Griner second. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the regular session meeting at 6:01 p.m.