

of a dog younger than eight weeks old is prohibited, and stated he would like to make a change. He stated the issue is that having been around Labradors, Spaniels, and other dogs, the litter needs to be broken up no later than 49 days (seven weeks) because the longer the litters stay together, an alpha male or female is ranked and can cause problems with certain members of the litter. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated he would like to change the time from eight weeks to seven weeks. Mrs. Dukes stated that may be a Department of Agriculture standard, but we will check today to see if we have the flexibility to make that change. Chairman Slaughter mentioned the issue of spaying and neutering and that the County is going to have to put something in the ordinances in the future that is going to require spaying and neutering if we want to one day become a no-kill shelter. Mrs. Dukes stated Animal Services staff, Attorney Will Elliott, and herself have been working to update the existing Animal Services Ordinance, which will include splitting the ordinance to address the dangerous dog portion, which comes mostly from the state statute of the ordinance, and then the animal care side of the ordinance. Mrs. Dukes further stated they will be doing research and looking at other communities who have gotten ahead of the issue. Chairman Slaughter stated he believes if we are going to be aggressive about animal control and animal welfare, there has to be a large component of spay and neuter requirements. Commissioner Smith stated he thinks that it is important that the County intentionally moves forward on the different aspects of the issue, especially learning from other counties that are doing it well. Chairman Slaughter agreed and stated we need to ensure that what we do has proven to work elsewhere. Commissioner Wisenbaker stated we need to be innovative.

BID

Moody Water Storage Tank Rehab

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated Moody Air Force Base has an (MAFB) underground water storage tank that is in need of rehab. Mr. Stalvey further stated Moody has secured funds for this project to be performed under the water & wastewater contract with Lowndes County. Staff advertised the project and two bids were received. Mr. Stalvey stated one bid was received from Razor Back, LLC for \$149,370.00, and Southeastern Tank & Tower submitted a bid of \$319,000.00. Both staff and Moody personnel checked multiple references and past jobs performed by Razor Back, LLC. Mr. Stalvey stated we discussed the low bid with Razor Back, LLC, and they were satisfied with the bid. Staff recommends approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Chairman Slaughter asked if rehab of a water tower is the same as what has been done with some of the others recently under contract, where they are flushed, cleaned, and painted if needed, Mr. Stalvey responded, yes, this particular tank is a 500,000 gallon underground storage tank, so most of the work is internally. The tank is bare concrete on the inside and EPD has not made it a requirement yet, but they are discussing and recommending that tanks be coated on the inside with a protective coating, and that is what this will be. Commissioner Michael Smith asked, with the County's partnership and agreement with Moody, if the County does the contracting, bidding and outreach process along with their partnership and approval, Mr. Stalvey stated that is correct. Commissioner Smith asked when the work is done if all we have is staff time in it, or do we get reimbursed. Mr. Stalvey responded, the County will get some reimbursement as well. Chairman Slaughter mentioned that typically there is a small administrative fee that the County will get. Chairman Slaughter further stated it is a win-win process. It allows them to get contractual work done, which has been a great effort. Chairman Slaughter went on to say that County Manager, Paige Dukes has championed the effort with Moody and across the Department of Defense. Chairman Slaughter stated it helps the Federal Government and those entities because all they have to do is get the funding, and we are able to manage and advertise the projects, take the bids, and hopefully save them some money in that process, rather it having to be handled through the Department of Defense. Mrs. Dukes added