

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Consideration of Bids for Installation of Emergency Backup Generators at Pruitt Health Facilities

BUDGET IMPACT: \$1,470,216.00 — to be reimbursed 100%, resulting in no net fiscal impact

FUNDING SOURCE:

- (X) HMGP Funding - \$1,088,903.00
- (X) GEMA Funding - \$217,781.00
- (X) Pruitt Health - \$233,126.00
- () SPLOST
- () TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Consider and take action on bids received for the installation of emergency backup generators at five Pruitt Health nursing facilities.

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

In July 2019, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the submittal of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application on behalf of Pruitt Health Corporation to fund the installation of emergency backup generators at five skilled nursing facilities located within Lowndes County. These facilities provide critical care to vulnerable populations, making continuity of power during emergencies a key resiliency priority.

In January 2025, Lowndes County was notified that the HMGP application had been awarded. As part of the grant structure, Lowndes County will administer the project and pay the selected contractor, with eligible costs reimbursed through a combination of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) funding. Any costs not reimbursed through FEMA or GEMA will be the responsibility of Pruitt Health. As a result, Lowndes County will receive 100 percent reimbursement for the project through the combined participation of FEMA, GEMA, and Pruitt Health, with no net financial impact to the County.

Following the award, Pruitt Health retained a licensed Electrical Engineer to develop site-specific designs, technical requirements, and detailed electrical drawings for each facility. These specifications served as the basis for the competitive procurement.

In December 2025, Lowndes County formally solicited bids from qualified vendors for the installation of generators at all five locations. The County provided complete design documents and conducted a pre-bid conference to ensure vendors had a clear understanding of the scope and requirements. Bids were opened on January 16, 2026.

Proposals were evaluated by a review committee consisting of Lowndes County staff, Pruitt Health staff, and the project engineer. Evaluations were based on responsiveness to specifications, completeness, pricing, warranty coverage, service capabilities, and project timeline. Four vendors submitted a total of five proposals.