

tomorrow to share this with surrounding counties because with the rate of mutual aid calls, we want to be there for them. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

BIDS

PI #0016273, Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Orr Road Bids

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Orr Road is a TIA 1 approved project that is 1.65 miles long. The project begins at Staten Road and ends at Skipper Bridge Road. The project consists of resurfacing, striping, raised pavement markers, eight (8) concrete headwalls, new signage, and grassing. The contract time is 60 calendar days after notice to proceed. Bids were opened on January 22, 2026, and two (2) bids were received, with Reames & Son Construction submitting the low bid in the amount of \$477,896.15. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the low bidder, Reames & Son Construction, in the amount of \$477,896.15, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

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

EMA Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated bids were requested as part of the hazard mitigation grant, which we applied for in 2019. Lowndes County received notice of the award in January of 2025. This grant allows Lowndes County to provide Emergency backup generators at five Pruitt Health Facilities in Lowndes County. Lowndes County solicited bids for generators as well as wiring and all electrical work required to fully generate the entire building. Lowndes County received five bids, two of which were deemed to be nonresponsive because they did not meet all the technical specifications. Current Edge Solutions (Savannah, GA) submitted two bids, one for \$1,420,148.00 (Winco Generators), with the generators taking about 12 weeks to arrive, and the transfer switches 18 weeks to arrive, and another bid for \$1,470,216.00 (CAT Generators), with the generators arriving in 30 weeks and the transfer switches arriving in 35 weeks. Cowart Electric (Valdosta, GA) submitted a bid for \$1,845,280.00 (Cummins Generators). After reviewing the bids, Pruitt Health's and staff's recommendation was to select the CAT Generators with Current Edge Solutions for \$1,470,216.00. Mr. Tye stated, although it was not the lower bid, it was preferable because of the brand liability, the five year warranty, and they can provide better service in our area. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve Current Edge Solutions for CAT Generators in the amount of \$1,470,216.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS - County Manager

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the items below:

- Friday, February 6th, Quiet Pines Golf Course and Grill will reopen to the public.
- The Lowndes County Bird Supper will be held in Atlanta tomorrow, Wednesday, February 11th at the Georgia Freight Depot.
- Saturday, Mardi-Gras Community Day, 10:00 am - 6:00pm, at Lowndes County Park will be held and this is a family-friendly event. This event was started by Denise Peters with hopes of having it as an annual event.