

## **BIDS**

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

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the for item. Mr. McLeod stated that 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 Smith asked how many TIA 1 projects are left. Mr. McLeod responded Old Clyattville Road Widening, Twin Lakes, and Hall Road.

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

Emergency Management Director, Ashley Tye, presented the item. Mr. Tye stated that in July 2019, the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners approved the submittal of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application to GEMA on behalf of Pruitt Health Corporation to fund the installation of emergency backup generators at five skilled nursing facilities in Valdosta. In January 2025, the grants were approved. Mr. Tye further stated following the award, Pruitt Health retained a Licensed Electrical Engineer to develop site specific designs, technical requirements, and detailed electrical drawings for each facility. Lowndes County took the specs and drawings and issued a request for bids. Lowndes County received five bids, but two of those bids were determined to be noncompliant because they did not meet all of 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. Current Edge Solutions (Savannah, GA) submitted 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 is to select the CAT Generators with Current Edge Solutions for \$1,470,216.00. Mr. Tye stated CAT has a larger maintenance network and they come with a five year warranty. Mr. Tye went on to say that 75 percent of the cost will be reimbursed by FEMA, 10 percent will be reimbursed by GEMA, and the remaining 15 percent by Pruitt Health. Any costs not reimbursed through FEMA or GEMA will be the responsibility of Pruitt Health. 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 Lowndes County. Commissioner Smith asked for a total number of residents for all five nursing homes, Mr. Tye responded he believes there are around 500 residents. Commissioner Marshall asked if the type of generator was mentioned in the bid documents, Mr. Tye stated the County did not specify that it had to be a specific brand as long as it met the spec requirements. Commissioner Wisenbaker mentioned that there is a Yancey dealer here in Valdosta, and Mr. Tye stated they do not do generators. Chairman Slaughter stated this opportunity was offered to all nursing homes in Lowndes County as well as private well systems, and Pruitt Health was the only one who took advantage of the offer. Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Tye for his effort, further stating this is a win for response and preparedness.

### **REPORTS - County Manager**

County Manager, Paige Dukes, asked 911 Director, Tonya Davis, and members of her team to come up. Mrs. Davis stated a call came in on January 31st from Hamilton County dispatch in reference to