

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: November 6, 2018
Date Submitted: October 29, 2018
To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board
From: Dee Jackson, Interim County Administrator
Subject: Approval to House and Maintain State Generators

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval to partner with SERT to house and maintain ten generators.

Background:

During the response to Hurricane Michael, the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) purchased 5500kw generators for the purpose of running traffic signals throughout impacted areas. In an effort to maximize their utilization, SERT would like to partner with Gadsden County to position and maintain these critical assets where they will be most needed when disaster inevitably strikes. There are nearly 700 generators available for use; however, Gadsden County has use for ten. Gadsden County will partner with the SERT to house and maintain these units in exchange for their use during blue and gray sky events.

Analysis:

A Memorandum of Understanding that outlines state ownership of assets that are housed and maintained by local communities is required to be executed. This mutually beneficial agreement would detail that:

- The generator(s) will be state tagged;
- The generator(s) is/are subject to relocation and redeployment in a future disaster, paid for by the state (transportation, logistics, etc);
- The county can utilize the generator(s) as they deem necessary during blue and gray sky scenarios;
- The county will test and maintain the generator(s) to ensure functionality and readiness; and
- When the county deems the generator(s) is/are no longer serviceable, they will coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management in completing the paperwork for removing the generator(s).

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Options:

1. Approve to partner with SERT and authorize the Chaiperson to execute the Memorandum of Understanding upon approval of the County Attorney.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1