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## **APPEAL WITHDRAWN FOR LEE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

**LEESBURG, Ga. (April 20, 2018)** – Today, Lee County Medical Center (LCMC) leaders announced that Crisp Regional Hospital has withdrawn its appeal of the November 15, 2017 decision of the Georgia Department of Community Health to grant LCMC a Certificate of Need (CON) to establish a sixty (60) bed short-stay general hospital in Lee County.

“As we move forward, LCMC will work hard to achieve its goal of providing high quality, cost-effective, and financially accessible hospital services for the residents of its community. We are confident that Crisp Regional will do the same for the people that it serves. We are pleased that this matter has been favorably concluded for the benefit of those who reside in our respective communities,” said G. Edward Alexander, President and CEO of LCMC OPCO, LLC.

The County anticipates breaking ground on the new 60-bed general hospital in the coming months. For more information about LCMC and to sign up for latest updates, please visit [ABetterLeeCounty.com](http://ABetterLeeCounty.com).

### **About Lee County**

Lee County, one of Georgia’s original 32 counties, is nestled in the heart of Southwest Georgia. A rapidly growing community, we offer a full range of services and amenities while maintaining a hometown atmosphere.

Lee County is a unique blend of residential, commercial and industrial development with a traditional rural flair. Interspersed with creeks, lakes, plantations, and historical sites, the community offers excellent recreational opportunities that take full advantage of the moderate climate and beautiful landscape.

Our warm, friendly population includes many young families attracted by Lee County’s award-winning school system. Located within the Albany metro area, Lee County experienced a 12.51% increase in population between 2000 and 2010 and ranks 61st in population out of 159 Georgia counties.

Lee County is dedicated to encouraging a healthy mix of residential, commercial and industrial development while preserving the county's rural setting and heritage. Our community's commitment to quality, well-planned growth ensures Lee County will thrive for years to come.

For more information, please visit [www.lee.ga.us](http://www.lee.ga.us).

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