

RESOLUTION  
REGARDING DEDICATIONS OF PRIVATE ROADS TO BECOME COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, a private road may become a county road by dedication and acceptance by the county; and

WHEREAS, owners of property adjoining private roads in Lowndes County have from time to time expressed a desire to dedicate the private road adjoining their property to Lowndes County; and

WHEREAS, the owner of each lot adjoining the right-of-way of a private road usually has fee simple title to the adjoining right-of-way to the centerline of the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the owner of each lot adjoining the right-of-way of a private road usually has an easement in the full length of the right-of-way of the private road; and

WHEREAS, accepting the dedication of a private road as a county road to be incorporated into the County's system of county roads may serve the interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, whether accepting the dedication of a private road as a county road will serve the interest of the public will depend on a case-by-case consideration of various factors;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County does hereby resolve:

- A. The County Manager will advise the Board of Commissioners of a proposed dedication of a private road to Lowndes County by owners of properties adjoining the private road.
- B. The Board of Commissioners will provide the County Manager direction regarding the process to be employed under the circumstances regarding the proposed dedication preliminary to the Board of Commissioners determining whether to accept the dedication.
- C. The process to be employed regarding the proposed dedication preliminary to the Board of Commissioners' determining whether to accept the dedication, and the Board of Commissioners' determination whether to accept the dedication of the private road as a county road, will be based on the interest of the public considering but not limited to the following factors:
  1. the length of the road
  2. the number of lots fronting the road
  3. the number of owners of lots fronting the road who or which desire the road to become a county road
  4. the number of residents living in homes on lots fronting the road