LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of a Portion of Race Track Road SE (CR #310)

DATE OF MEETING: March 12, 2024

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE:

() Annual
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COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request to Abandon Racetrack Road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The County has received a request to abandon a portion of Race Track Road SE. The portion of the road is approximately 1720.50' Linear feet and begins at the intersection of Madison Highway, then west to the dead end. Staff asked for any comments from stakeholder departments and Public Safety, but there were no comments. There are not any houses or structures that access this road.

The request came from Langdale Vallotton Attorney at Law representing Southern Gateway, LLC. Southern Gateway, LLC owns the property surrounding all sides of this portion of Race Track Road SE.

Georgia statute requires an initial determination either (a) "that the section of the county road system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it" or (b) "that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest," or both. If the Board makes either or both of these determinations, the statute provides for notice to adjoining property owners, notice to the public by newspaper publication, and a public hearing.

OPTIONS: 1. Determine either (a) that this section of the county road system has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by them or (b) that the removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, or both.

2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: Engineering <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: