

meet coverage. Chairman Slaughter asked to verify these are concerns about lack of service, Mr. Dillard responded yes. Chairman Slaughter asked regarding any information related to noise coming from a tower, Mr. Dillard answered that there was no information regarding noise; there may be generator noise and monthly testing of the generator, which is minimal.

REZ-2025-15 Stewart Circle ~13.6ac, 3923, 4025 & 4051 Stewart Circle, C-C & R-1 to C-H, County Utilities

County Planner, J.D. Dillard presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from C-C (Crossroads Commercial) & R-1 (Low Density Residential) to C-H (Highway Commercial) zoning, in order to unify the zoning for the property to be developed with a mixture of commercial uses. The subject property is within the Urban Service Area and U.S. 41 Corridor Overlay, and Community Activity Center and Institutional Activity Center Character Areas, which recommend C-H zoning. Primary access is off of Stewart Circle and there are existing drives and proposed easements connecting to the Val North Commercial complex. There is a large, approximately 5.6 acres of wetlands, which will have to be further delineated before any development occurs. Mr. Dillard stated there were trees removed from Hurricane Helene as well as junk vehicles and housing issues that Code Enforcement has been dealing with and those have been mitigated, and the current property owner is fully aware and in compliance. The TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Lowndes County Responsible Dog Ownership Ordinance

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated that after the last update with the Pet Shop Ordinance being approved at the September 9th meeting, the conversation has led to Responsible Dog Ownership, which addresses state statutes related to management and determination of dangerous or vicious laws. There are two processes by which "dangerous" and/or "vicious" dog classifications can be finally determined. Lowndes County has relied on an appointed citizen review committee. It can be a challenge to keep a variety of qualified citizens active on the board, which can extend the time by which cases are reviewed and decided. Further cases decided through this process may still be appealed to the courts. The law provides "dangerous" and/or "vicious" dog classifications to be heard in Probate Court. Approval of the attached ordinance will eliminate the need for the current citizen review board and move the hearing of these cases to Probate Court. Commissioner Marshall asked whether there is a timeline for euthanizing a dog that bites a person. Mrs. Dukes answered that there are provisions in the law that states if the dog bites today, there is a specific time to go through the process to get the hearing scheduled. Depending on whether the initial determination is dangerous or vicious and if the dog owner will accept a temporary designation of dangerous or vicious, the dog can stay in the home under the lock-down requirements until that hearing is held.

Purchase of Wetland Credits for Twin Lakes Road Paving Project

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented a proposal from Williams Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$54,400.00 for the purchase of wetland credits required for the Twin Lakes Road Paving Project. Mr. McLeod stated the wetland credits are \$20,000.00 per credit, and Lowndes County will need 2.72 wetland credits to finalize the permit. Chairman Slaughter inquired whether Williams Investments is a local company. Mr. McLeod answered that it is not local, the company's office is located in Atlanta, Georgia.