

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of Grice Road

DATE OF MEETING: December 9, 2025

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

Work
Session/Regular
Session

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of Grice Road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The county has received a request to abandon Grice Road. Grice Road is approximately 792' linear feet and begins at the intersection of Newsome Road, then south to the dead end. Staff asked for any comments from stakeholder departments and Public Safety. The comments were all from Public Safety relating to access to all of the parcels in case of an emergency. The owners will be required to install a pre-planned access gate in the event they install a fence in the future and they must maintain the driveway. The abandonment will also land lock a 3-acre parcel that is owned by Joy M. Bassford, the sister of Dale Grice. Staff has spoken with the family about the 3-acre parcel and they understand if they ever want to build on that parcel they will have to get a variance.

The request came from Floyd Dale Grice, who owns the property, 3532 Grice Road. All parcels are part of the Grice family.

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. 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.
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: