

in 10.01.05 of the ULDC, and factors most relevant to this application, including the neighboring land uses and lot sizes, the viability of well and septic systems, the potential environmental impacts, and the ability to properly apply the standards of the ULDC, and therefore recommends approval of the request for R-A zoning only on the 2.5-acre portion (Tract 1) as depicted by the Carter Surveying plat dated 10-31-2025. The Planning Commission also recommended approval. No one spoke against this request. Mr. Seth Carlo, 512 Barco Street, spoke in favor of the request, as the applicant and offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the request as presented, second by Vice Chairman Orenstein. Commissioner Wisenbaker opposed. Motion carried.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **FY2027 5311 Rural Transit Authorizing Resolution**

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated the Southern Georgia Regional Commission voted at their August 28, 2025, meeting to apply for the FY2027 5311 Rural Transportation Program Grant Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to continue operating the regional transit system on behalf of the participating local municipalities. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, second by Commissioner Evans. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **Abandonment of Grice Road**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated a request to abandon Grice Road was received from Dale Grice who owns the property at 3532 Grice Road. Staff asked for comments from stakeholder departments and public safety regarding this abandonment. All comments were from Public Safety relating to access to all 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 landlock a three-acre parcel that is owned by Joy M. Bassford, the sister of Dale Grice. They understand if they ever want to build on that parcel they will have to get a variance. 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. Chairman Slaughter stated with the concern of Mr. Grice's sister, Joy Bassford, would it be construed that we were landlocking the property. Chairman Slaughter stated this will become a private road and further research is needed. Commissioner Evans made a motion to table this abandonment until the January 13, 2026, meeting, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

### **PI# 0016280 Twin Lakes Road Paving and Drainage Improvements Georgia Power Relocation Agreement**

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Twin Lakes Road Paving and Drainage Improvements is a TIA 1 project. The design and documents are in the final stages of being complete. Georgia Power will have to relocate seventeen (17) poles and the lines for these poles. Georgia Power has proved prior rights and provided Lowndes County with a relocation agreement with a not to exceed amount of \$721,989.00. This is a planned cost and will be covered by TSPLOST. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, second by Commissioner Wisenbaker. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.