

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Condemning Right of Way and Drainage Easement for Twin Lakes Road TSPLOST Paving Project; Parcel 3

DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2026

Work  
Session/Regular  
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$12,400.00

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approve Condemning Right of Way and Drainage Easement for Twin Lakes Road Paving Project. Parcel 3

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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: As part of the Twin Lakes TSPLOST project, the County needs to acquire from the owners of the real property identified for purposes of the project as Parcel 3 (i.e., tax parcel 0171 090) (i) certain areas of fee simple ROW totaling 0.15 +/- acres in the aggregate and (ii) 0.07 +/- acres of said parcel for a drainage easement. Parcel 3 is owned by Virginia G. Tyson, Charles F. Hobby, and Nancy G. Hobby. Additional information regarding the ROW areas and the drainage easement can be found in the proposed Declaration of Taking attached hereto. Efforts to acquire the needed property and property rights by negotiation have not resulted in an agreement, and an offer of just compensation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 22-1-9 sent on January 13, 2026, has not been accepted by the property owners. Staff has determined that acquisition by condemnation is now required in order to keep the subject project on schedule.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached required Declaration of Taking and incorporated Order of the Board of Commissioners and authorize the filing of a proceeding in rem in the Superior Court of Lowndes County, Georgia, condemning the Right of Way areas and the drainage easement identified in the foregoing documents.  
2. Redirect.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: