

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Special Assessment Rate for 2026

DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2026

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

Work

Session/Regular

Session

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Special Assessment Rate for 2026

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Board of Commissioners is required to set the interest rate for any special assessments at the beginning of each calendar year. This rate is for any paving or utility assessments that are not paid off within the initial 90-day phase. Unpaid assessments revert to installment agreements which are to be paid off over a period of up to ten years. The rate is based on the current prime rate, plus two percent. The prime rate is the interest rate charged by banks when they lend money to other banks or to their "prime" customers. Most American banks and credit unions use this index as the foundation for their loan products. The current prime rate is 6.75%; therefore, the rate for special assessments should be set at 8.75%. The prime rate was 7.5% in 2025, 8.5% in 2024, 7.5% in 2023 and 3.25% in 2022.

OPTIONS: 1. Adopt the Special Assessment Rate of 8.75% for 2026  
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: