

Michael Noll, 2305 Glynndale Drive, addressed the commission regarding his opposition to data centers in our community. Mr. Noll mentioned a town hall meeting scheduled for April 17th and invited the commissioners to attend.

Tetiana Babcock, 3561 Skeet Range Road, addressed the commission regarding her opposition to data centers in our community. Ms. Babcock mentioned her concern about a protective condition outlined as part of the rezoning approval last year. Condition #4 states a two-hundred foot undisturbed buffer will be required along the northern and southern property lines abutting current residential zoning boundaries. She stated this has already been violated since the property owner has already cleared trees up to and over her property line, destroying a section of her fence up to the property line and leaving the debris from the fence, damaged trees and track marks from the heavy equipment. Ms. Babcock also mentioned the light and noise pollution which a data center will bring.

Kelly Saxon, 8 Baldwin Place, addressed the commission regarding the Georgia Department of Transportation is accepting applications for local road assistance administration funding. This will include funds that were set aside by the Governor and General Assembly. This is an opportunity that the funding can be used for road repairs and improvements. Ms. Saxon stated there is no local match required and the application deadline is June 15, 2026. Ms. Saxon stated over the past two years she's been working with the City of Valdosta to take back local ownership of the Craig Center. The City of Valdosta has secured the property and is currently rehabbing the facility to be used for an inclement weather shelter for Lowndes County. Ms. Saxon requested that Lowndes County contribute \$50,000.00, to assist with the remaining renovations and repairs to ensure this building is fully functional and ready to serve the community.

Amanda Hall, 2102 North Sherwood Drive, addressed the commission regarding animal control. Dr. Hall stated an ordinance needs to be passed expanding state law changing it from two or more litters to one single litter.

Kristina Cheek McBride, 104 East Mary Street, addressed the commission and stated that she is the founding executive director of Cisco Birth Initiative and the regional site coordinator of the Georgia Black Doula Network. These groups aim to address the maternal and infant health disparities in South Georgia. Resources are available with peer-to-peer support. According to the March of Dimes report, Georgia has one of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates, ranking 45th in the nation and 11.8% of babies born in Georgia are born premature or low birth weight. Ms. McBride mentioned these are worse in rural areas. This Saturday there will be a community baby shower for all moms, distributing food, games, diapers, wipes and car seats and much more. Ms. McBride mentioned a joint proclamation between the city and county to recognize Black Maternal Health Week to bring awareness and focus on solutions together. As a candidate for State Representative House District 177, improving maternal and infant health remains one of her top priorities and a strong focus on ensuring healthy outcomes for both mothers and babies.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Orenstein. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.