

Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated the term of Mr. Dan Kerrigan has expired, and he is no longer interested in being reappointed at this time. Mr. James Warren, Mr. Christian Funk and Mr. Kevin Lancaster are interested in serving on this board. Commissioner Evans nominated Mr. James Warren. There being no other nominations, Mr. James Warren was appointed by acclamation.

Lowndes County Public Facilities Authority

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the appointment stating the terms of Mr. Andy Griffin and Mr. Scott Purvis both expired May 31, 2026, and both would like to be reappointed. Commissioner Smith nominated Mr. Andy Griffin. There being no other nominations, Mr. Andy Griffin was reappointed by acclamation to serve the term of June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2029. Vice Chairman Orenstein nominated Mr. Scott Purvis. There being no other nominations, Mr. Scott Purvis was reappointed by acclamation to serve the term of June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2029.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2026-13 Touchton Lake Park, ~1.4ac, Cannon Dr., Park Dr., US HWY 41 S, C-H to R-10, County Utilities

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this rezoning request represents a change in zoning on the subject properties from C-H (Highway Commercial) zoning to R-10 (Suburban Density Residential). The general motivation in this case is for the applicant to develop home sites. Mr. Dillard stated this property is within the urban service area and the community activity center area. There are no wetlands on the property. Mr. Dillard stated neighboring properties to the north and east are currently zoned R-10 and the Lowndes County Fire Rescue Station at Twin Lakes is planned for the property to the south. The TRC analyzed the request, the standards governing the exercise of zoning power set forth in 10.01.05 of the ULDC, and factors most relevant to this application, including the neighboring land uses, lot sizes, and zoning patterns, the availability of County utilities, the potential environmental impacts, and recommends approval of the request for R-10 zoning. The Planning Commission recommended approval. No one spoke in opposition to this request. Mr. Bill Nijem, 1007 North Patterson, spoke in favor of this request on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Nijem stated he was available to answer any questions from the commission. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the rezoning request as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

TWR-2026-01 Salem Church Tower - WITHDRAWN

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item stating this item has been withdrawn by the applicant.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Old US 41 North Widening Phase 4, P.I. 0020531 - Transportation Improvement Act (TIA) Project Agreement

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the Board approved the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Government Application for the Old US 41 North Widening Phase 4 Project on May 12th, 2026. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approved the application and sent staff the Project Agreement to be approved and executed. The Project Agreement is required to be executed prior to beginning any phase of the project. Once