

and ready. Mrs. Dukes added that this initiative will be using existing space within the current building, and existing county resources, including utilities and overhead services. This is an expansion of services available to our citizens without creating any additional impact on the county budget.

### **Citizens Wishing To Be Heard**

George Fisher, 5278 Hall Road, addressed the commission regarding his opposition to a data center in the community. Mr. Fisher expressed his concerns about the vulnerability of the Withlacooche River and the local aquifer.

Jimmy LeFiles, 3561 Riverchase Drive, addressed the commission regarding his opposition to a data center in the community. Mr. LeFiles, an industrial chemist and longtime Lowndes County resident whose family has lived in the area for generations, expressed concerns about the potential development. Mr. LeFiles asked the commission to carefully review and question the types of chemicals that may be used at the facility.

John Smith, 3797 Old Vine Way, addressed the commission in opposition to a data center in the community. Mr. Smith mentioned concerns regarding increased electrical demand and water consumption.

Robert Willis, 5195 Daniel Drive North, addressed the commission regarding the possibility of installing speed strips or speed bumps on his street due to increased speeding within his neighborhood.

Skyler Ramson, 1601 Norman Drive, addressed the commission regarding concerns about continued increases in rental costs and expressed hope that measures could be considered to reduce or stabilize rent.

Amy Wiegenstein, 4030 Foxborough Blvd., addressed the commission in opposition to a data center in the community. Ms. Wiegenstein, a Valdosta resident for 46 years, requested that the commission consider asking the developer to locate the project on a more rural property.

Sarah Riggle, 709 West Alden Avenue, addressed the commission in opposition to a data center in the community. Ms. Riggle expressed concerns about noise, water consumption, water levels, the long-term availability of water resources for residents, and the potential for increased water costs.

John Quarterman, 6565 Quarterman Road, addressed the commission to invite commissioners to attend a June 20th celebration at Reed Bingham State Park from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The event is intended to encourage children to participate in boating activities. Mr. Quarterman also referenced rumors regarding a proposed data center in the community, including speculation that water for the facility could be supplied by a deep well and ejecting the wastewater into the aquifer. Mr. Quarterman stated he believes this untrue. He encouraged citizens not to believe every rumor and emphasized that the project is not confirmed and does not have to happen.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Smith encouraged citizens to participate in early voting and exercise their right to vote. Vice Chairman Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.