

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Abandonment of a Section of Hightower Road

DATE OF MEETING: March 14, 2023

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Abandonment of a Portion of Hightower Road

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Staff has worked with the Air Force to relocate a section of Hightower Road for purposes of promoting the security of aircraft at Moody Air Force Base (AFB). The project anticipates abandoning the highlighted 1693.52 foot section of the road located proximate to Moody AFB.

In order for a section of a county road to be abandoned, Georgia statute requires an initial determination either (a) "that the section of the county road system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it" or (b) "that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest," or both. If the Board makes either or both of these determinations, the statute provides for notice to adjoining property owners, notice to the public by newspaper publication, and a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Board "may declare that section of the county road system abandoned."

Removing the highlighted section of Hightower Road from the county road system is in the best public interest for the reason that it will promote the security of aircraft at Moody Air Force Base.

OPTIONS: 1. Determine that removal of the highlighted section of Hightower Road from the county road system is in the best public interest.
2. Redirect

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chad McLeod

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: