

RESOLUTION
REGARDING POTENTIAL DEDICATIONS OF PRIVATE ROADS

WHEREAS, county roads may be created by dedication and acceptance by a county;

WHEREAS, owners of property adjoining certain private roads in Lowndes County have expressed a desire to dedicate the private road adjoining their property to Lowndes County;

WHEREAS, many of said roads are dirt roads in poor condition and difficult to traverse especially during and following heavy rains;

WHEREAS, residents living on such roads are in instances unable to reach their homes;

WHEREAS, emergency service providers are in instances unable to reach residences located on such roads;

WHEREAS, owners of property adjoining private roads usually have an easement in the length of the road;

WHEREAS, accepting the dedication of such a road as public a road to be incorporated into the County's system of county roads may serve the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, whether accepting the dedication of a private road as a public road will serve the best public interest will depend on a case-by-case basis on various circumstances, including, but not limited to, the condition of the road, the length of the road, the number of residents living on the road;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County does hereby resolve that:

1. the County Engineer shall develop, maintain, and update as advisable internal operating procedures for evaluating and presenting to the Board of Commissioners proposed dedications of private roads as public county roads, and
2. upon presentation by the County Engineer, the Board of Commissioners will consider accepting the dedication of a private road as a public county road based on whether accepting the dedication will serve the best interest of the public considering all relevant circumstances.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this ___ day of _____, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LOWNDES COUNTY

By: _____
Bill Slaughter, Chairman

Attest: _____
Paige Dukes, Clerk