

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TWR-2020-02 Kinspy Rd., 7346 Porter Rd., 0226 005, 37.3 ac.,
EA

Work Session/Regular Session

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 2020

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

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

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: TWR-2020-02 Kinspy Rd., 7346 Porter Rd., 0226 005, 37.3 ac., EA

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This case represents an attempt by the applicant to construct a new ~300' telecommunications tower within an ~32.5 acre tract, east of Hwy 41 S., south of Lake Park. The subject property is currently zoned Estate Agriculture (E-A) and is allowed to be used for the construction of a new telecommunications tower with GLPC review and LCBOC approval. For further reference, where towers are allowed per the various zoning districts, new towers require LCBOC approval while collocation on existing towers require only administrative approval. Additionally, if the proposed tower is determined to likely interfere with the use of aircraft traffic operations around the Valdosta Regional Airport (VLD) or Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) the application can be required to receive a letter of clearance from the aforementioned bodies. In this case, a letter of clearance is not required from either the Valdosta Regional Airport or MAFB.

The primary motivation for a new tower at the subject property is a gap in the existing coverage area. The subject property is in the Rural Service Area and depicted as Agricultural/Forestry on the Future Development Map. While the character areas comment generally on the preservation of rural areas, Goal 10 of the Comprehensive Plan cites the support of technological infrastructure.

The GLPC heard the request at their regular August meeting and recommended Approval by a unanimous vote (8-0). Staff has found this request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the TRC had no objectionable comments regarding this request.

- OPTIONS: 1 - Approve
2 - Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve