

Lowndes County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item. Mrs. Dukes stated Mrs. Lynn Orenstein's term will expire June 30, 2025. Mrs. Orenstein has expressed a desire to continue to serve. Mr. Samuel Clemons has also expressed a desire to serve on this board. Mrs. Dukes mentioned Mrs. Orenstein is here in the audience if anyone has any questions. Chairman Slaughter nominated Mrs. Lynn Orenstein for reappointment. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Lynn Orenstein was reappointed by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

REZ-2025-08 Joseph Williams, 7219 Good Hope Rd., 2.5ac, E-A to E-A and R-A, Well and Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this is a request by the applicant to subdivide the subject property of ten acres to a 2.5 acre tract and 7.5 acre tract. The 2.5 acre tract being subdivided as proposed to rezone to R-A zoning. This does stay within the agricultural character area and there are no wetlands on the property. The TRC and Planning Commission recommended approval of this request. No one spoke in opposition. Joseph Williams, 7209 Good Hope Road, spoke in favor of the request as the applicant. Mr. Williams stated he has spoken to all the neighbors regarding this rezoning request and there is no opposition. Vice Chairperson Evans made a motion to approve the request as presented, second by Commissioner Smith. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

REZ-2025-09 All Metal Buildings, 2515 Madison Hwy, ~2 acres, C-G to C-H, Well and Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from C-G (General Commercial) zoning to C-H (Highway Commercial) zoning. The general motivation in this case is for the applicant to unify the commercial zoning on the properties for their expanding business. Mr. Dillard stated this property is within the Urban Service Area, Community Activity Center Character Area, the Valdosta Airport Overlay and a drastic groundwater recharge area. The TRC reviewed this request and recommended the following two conditions:

1. Any vehicular ingress/egress off of Poole Street or the unimproved portion of Cannon Avenue shall require the property owner/developer to pave the street from that ingress/egress to the nearest paved street. The property owner/developer will also be responsible for the design, any acquisition of necessary right-of-way, relocation of utilities, and construction costs for the paving of those sections mentioned above.
2. The eastern property line along Poole Street shall be required to have a landscaped buffer that meets or exceeds ULDC Section 4.07.06.

The Planning Commission recommended approval, with the conditions as stated above. Commissioner Orenstein asked Mr. Dillard to show the picture again of the proposed buffer, which is on Poole Street. No one spoke for or against this request. Commissioner Wisenbaker made a motion to approve this request with the two recommended conditions. (1) Any vehicular ingress/egress off of Poole Street or the unimproved portion of Cannon Avenue shall require the property owner/developer to pave the street from that ingress/egress to the nearest paved street. The property owner/developer will also be responsible for the design, any acquisition of necessary right-of-way, relocation of utilities, and construction costs for the paving of those sections mentioned above. (2) The eastern property line along Poole Street shall be required to have a landscaped buffer that meets or exceeds ULDC