

JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

will have a

Work Session

Monday, February 28, 2022

At 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, Ground Floor

Discussion Items:

- 1. Recreation Department Multipurpose Building and Master Site Plan**
- 2. County Road Closure Policy and Procedures**
- 3. County C&D Landfill Operation and Management**

******Details for Meeting Attendance******

- All persons will be temperature checked at the door.**
- Temperature readings of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter the building.**
 - Masks will be provided, but not required.**
 - Seating May be Limited.**

Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC

Department: Recreation Department

Date: February 28, 2022

Subject: Recreation Department Multipurpose Building and Master Site Plan

Summary:

BOC to discuss the Multipurpose Building Concept Plan and the Master Site Concept Plan.

Background:

Precision Planning has produced a Multipurpose Building Concept Plan and a Master Site Concept Plan

Cost:

Notes:

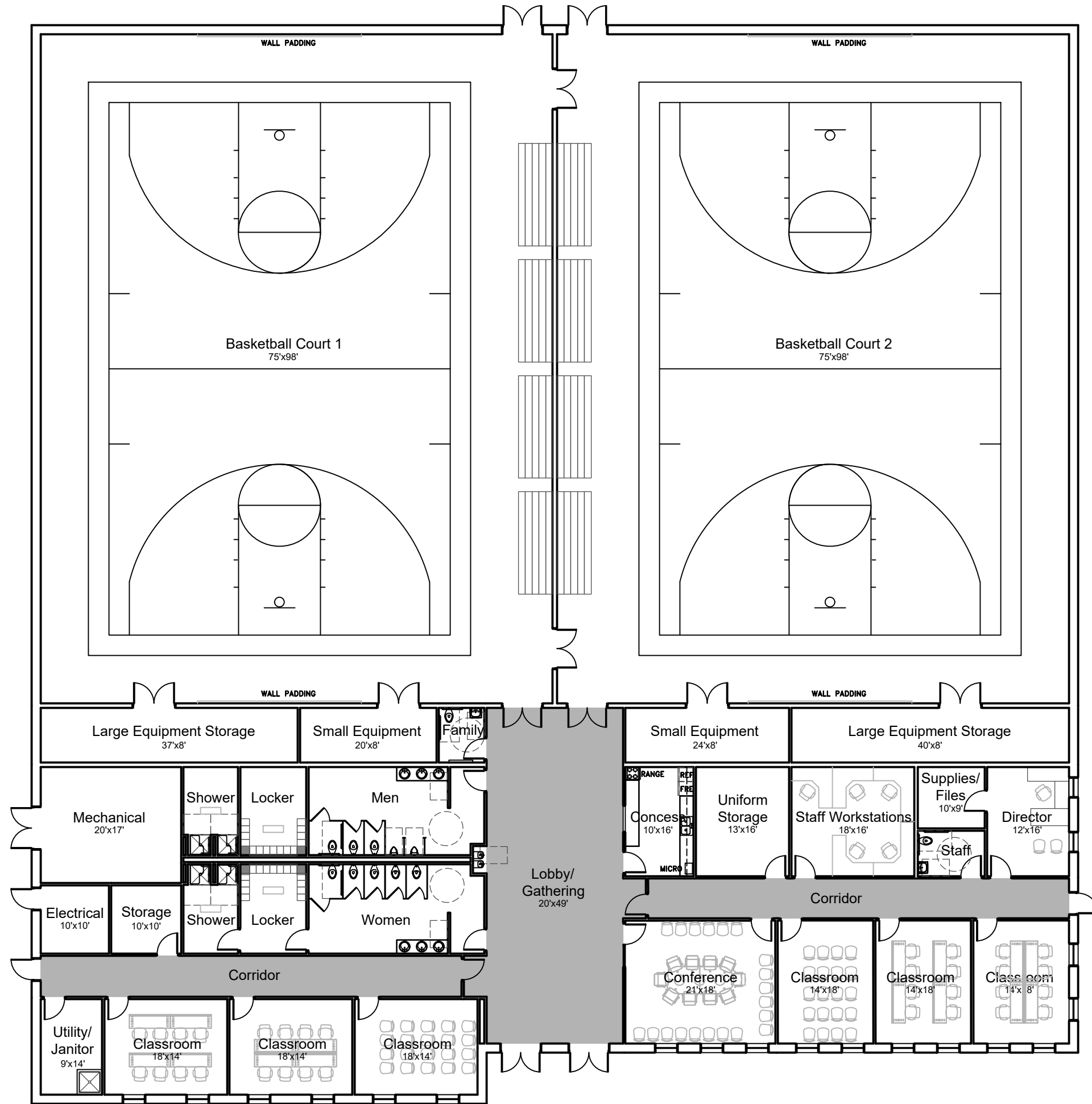
Multipurpose Building Concept Plan

Program Document details square footage and general notes

Master Site Concept Plan

Challenges include:

1. Slope of grades to create flat areas for fields
2. Hwy 212 main entry location due to the speed limit and limited visibility
3. Creating visibility of the lake as you enter the site and for the multi-purpose building to be connected to walking trails
4. Maintaining setback distances from the lake and stream
5. Clearing of major trees to maximize the playing fields



Jasper County Recreation - Multipurpose Facility PROGRAM DOCUMENT

PPI Project No. A22-004 - Revised January 25, 2022

Revised Final



Space Description	Area Needed	Adjacency Needed	Current Space Needs			5 Year Space Needs			Remarks
			No.	Total	s.f.	No.	Total	s.f.	
ADMINISTRATION									
Staff Office Space									
Parks Director	192		1	192	s.f.	1	192	s.f.	
Assistant Director	96	Parks Director	1	96	s.f.	1	96	s.f.	<i>combined in one space</i>
Program Director	96	Parks Director		0	s.f.	1	96	s.f.	<i>combined in one space</i>
Volunteer Staff	96			96	s.f.	1	96	s.f.	<i>combined in one space</i>
Support Space									
Conference Room	374	Lobby	1	374	s.f.	1	374	s.f.	<i>draft meetings (10-15 people)</i>
Staff Toilet-Unisex	62	Staff Offices	1	62	s.f.	1	62	s.f.	1 toilet, 1 lavatory
Classrooms	250		6	1,500	s.f.	6	1,500	s.f.	<i>14'x18' instructional layout (8 people)</i>
Uniform Storage	200	Conference Room	1	200	s.f.	1	200	s.f.	12'x12' w/double doors
Utility / Janitor	124		1	124	s.f.	1	124	s.f.	<i>sink and supplies</i>
Storage	100		1	100	s.f.	1	100	s.f.	<i>10'x10'</i>
Subtotal				2,744	s.f.	2,840		s.f.	
Circulation Factor 27%				780	s.f.	780		s.f.	
Subtotal -Administration				3,524	s.f.	3,620		s.f.	

PUBLIC RECREATION

Public Recreation Space

Lobby/Gathering	1,000	Entrance/Office	1	1,000	s.f.	1	1,000	s.f.	
Basketball Court	7,000		2	14,000	s.f.	2	14,000	s.f.	70'x100' wall separating courts
Bleachers (seat 100 each court)	800	Basketball Court	2	1,600	s.f.	2	1,600	s.f.	<i>access on either end</i>
Large Equipment Storage	600		1	600	s.f.	1	600	s.f.	w/ swing doors
Small Equipment Storage	352		1	352	s.f.	1	352	s.f.	
Concessions/Catering	160	Lobby/Gathering	1	160	s.f.	1	160	s.f.	10'x16'

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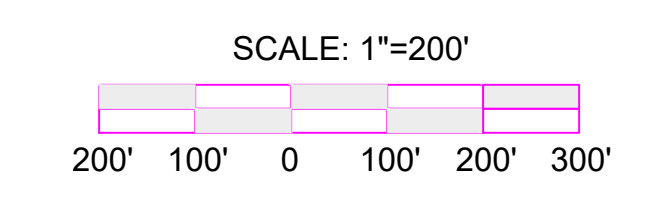
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Space Description	Area Needed	Adjacency Needed	Current			5 Year			Remarks
			No.	Total	s.f.	No.	Total	s.f.	
PUBLIC RECREATION (continued)									
Female Locker Room	570	Basketball Court	1	570	s.f.	1	570	s.f.	5 toilet/3 sinks /2 shower/30 locker
Male Locker Room	565	Basketball Court	1	565	s.f.	1	565	s.f.	3 t/2 urinal/3 s /2 showers/30 lockers
Family Restroom	54		1	54	s.f.	1	54	s.f.	1 toilet/1 sink/baby changing station
Mechanical Room	340		1	340	s.f.	1	340	s.f.	
Main Electrical Room	100		1	100	s.f.	1	100	s.f.	
Subtotal				19,341	s.f.		19,341	s.f.	
Circulation and Grossing Factor 4%				734	s.f.		734	s.f.	
Subtotal - Public Recreation				20,075	s.f.		20,075	s.f.	
TOTAL BUILDING AREA PROGRAM				23,599	s.f.		23,695	s.f.	

General Notes:

1. Exterior drive up canopy desired at the main entrance.
2. Anticipated approximately 200 people during concurrent basketball events.
3. Universal Courts with motorized practice goals and main goals height adjustments.
4. Interior walls of pre-engineered building should have some protection up to about 8'-0".
5. Concessions will include counter, sink, refrigerator, freezer, microwave and electric range (small fire suppression required).
6. A safe is needed for securing money.



Total Parking Spaces = (New/592) + (Exist./60) = 652

Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC

Department: Roads and Bridges

Date: February 28, 2022

Subject: County Road Closure Policy and Procedures

Summary:

Jasper County BOC needs to develop a road abandonment policy and set of procedures.

Find attached the following:

OCGA 32-7-1, 32-7-2, 32-7-3 and 32-7-4

Official Code of Georgia regulating the abandonment of County roads or road sections.

County Abandonment Policies in the following Counties:

Toombs County
Sumter County
Dodge County
Bulloch County
Putnam County

Staff will produce a Jasper County BOC policy based on the review of the attached five County abandonment policies.

Background:

Jasper County BOC has received requests for closing County roads or certain road sections.

Jasper County BOC needs to develop a road closure/abandonment policy and set of procedures.

Cost:

Notes:

Review each abandonment policy of the five Counties for elements to include in the formation of the Jasper County BOC road abandonment policy.

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-1

Current through the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

- [GA - Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)
- [TITLE 32. HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES](#)
- [CHAPTER 7. ABANDONMENT, DISPOSAL, OR LEASING OF PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES](#)

§ 32-7-1. Authority of department, counties, and municipalities to substitute for, relocate, or abandon public roads

Whenever deemed in the public interest, the department or a county or a municipality may substitute for, relocate, or abandon any public road that is under its respective jurisdiction, provided that a county or municipality shall first obtain the approval of the department if any expenditure of federal or state funds is required.

History

Code 1933, § 95A-618, enacted by Ga. L. 1973, p. 947, § 1.

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2

Current through the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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- [CHAPTER 7. ABANDONMENT, DISPOSAL, OR LEASING OF PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES](#)

§ 32-7-2. Procedure for abandonment

(a)

(1) Before abandoning any public road on the state highway system, the department shall confer with the governing authority of the counties or municipalities concerned and give due consideration to their wishes in such abandonment; but in case of disagreement the judgment of the department shall prevail.

(2) When it is determined that a section of the state highway system has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and after having conferred with the counties and municipalities, the department, by certification signed by the commissioner and accompanied by a plat or sketch, may declare that section of the state highway system abandoned. Thereafter, that section of road shall no longer be a part of the state highway system and the rights of the public in and to the section of road as a public road shall cease.

(3) Prior to certifying the abandonment of a road or section thereof, the department shall give notice of its intentions to the counties or municipalities through which such road passes.

(4) If such county or municipality, by proper resolution, indicates its willingness and desire to take over the road that is proposed to be abandoned and to maintain such road, the certificate of abandonment shall so state; and thereafter the abandoned road shall form part of the county road or municipal street system of the particular county or municipality. Whenever the department abandons a road and a county or a municipality takes over the road, the department shall convey, by quitclaim deed executed by the commissioner, such road to the county or municipality. If the appropriate county or municipality is unwilling to take over the road and maintain it, the property may be disposed of by the department as provided in Code Section 32-7-4, provided that, if the county or municipality has not indicated its desire to take over the road within 30 days after receiving notice, it shall be conclusively presumed that the county or municipality is unwilling to take over the road; and provided, further, that before the department disposes of the abandoned road it shall give 15 days' notice to the county or municipality, during which time such county or municipality may reconsider its decision and take over the road.

(b)

(1) When it is determined that a 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 that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, the county, by certification recorded in its minutes, accompanied by a plat or sketch, and, after notice to

property owners located thereon, after notice of such determination is published in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements for the county are published once a week for a period of two weeks, and after a public hearing on such issue, may declare that section of the county road system abandoned. Thereafter, that section of road shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the section of road as a public road shall cease.

(2) Prior to certifying the abandonment of a road or section thereof, the county shall give notice of its intention to the municipality into which or through which any part of such road passes.

(3) If such municipality, by proper resolution, indicates its willingness and desire to take over the road that is proposed to be abandoned and to maintain such road, the certification of abandonment shall so state; and thereafter that part of the abandoned road within the municipality shall form part of the municipal street system of the particular municipality.

Whenever a county abandons a road and a municipality takes over the road, the county, by quitclaim deed executed by the chairman or presiding officer, shall convey such road to the municipality. If such municipality is unwilling to take over the road and maintain it, the property may be disposed of by the county as provided for in Code Section 32-7-4, provided that, if the municipality has not indicated its desire to take over the road within 30 days after receiving notice, it shall be conclusively presumed the municipality is unwilling to take over the road; and provided, further, that before the county disposes of the abandoned road it shall give 15 days' notice to the municipality during which time such municipality may reconsider its decision and take over the road.

(c) When it is determined that a section of the municipal street 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 that its removal from the municipal street system is otherwise in the best public interest, the municipality, by certification recorded in its minutes, accompanied by a plat or sketch, and after notice to property owners located thereon, may declare that section of the municipal street system abandoned. Thereafter, that section of road shall no longer be a part of the municipal street system and the rights of the public in and to that section of street as a public road shall cease. The property may be disposed of by the municipality as provided in Code Section 32-7-4.

History

Code 1933, § 95A-619, enacted by Ga. L. 1973, p. 947, § 1; Ga. L. 1974, p. 1422, § 16; Ga. L. 1994, p. 294, § 1; Ga. L. 2010, p. 399, § 1/SB 354.

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-3

Current through the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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- [CHAPTER 7. ABANDONMENT, DISPOSAL, OR LEASING OF PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES](#)

§ 32-7-3. Authority of department, counties, and municipalities to dispose of property no longer needed for public road purposes

Whenever any property has been acquired in any manner by the department, a county, or a municipality for public road purposes and thereafter the department, county, or municipality determines that all or any part of the property or any interest therein is no longer needed for such purposes because of changed conditions, the department or the county or municipality is authorized to dispose of such property or such interest therein in accordance with Code Section 32-7-4. Any disposition of property acquired for utility relocation, as provided for in Code Section 32-6-172, or on which utilities are located shall not be subject to Code Section 32-7-4; and no provision of this title shall be construed to prevent the department from conveying to the federal government land or interests in land acquired for federal parkways in Georgia, as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 3 of this title.

History

Code 1933, § 95A-620, enacted by Ga. L. 1973, p. 947, § 1.

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4

Current through the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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- [CHAPTER 7. ABANDONMENT, DISPOSAL, OR LEASING OF PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES](#)

§ 32-7-4. Procedure for disposition of property

(a)

(1) In disposing of property, as authorized under Code Section 32-7-3, the department, a county, or a municipality, provided that such department, county, or municipality has held title to the property for no more than 30 years, shall notify the owner of such property at the time of its acquisition or, if the tract from which the department, a county, or a municipality acquired its property has been subsequently sold, shall notify the owner of abutting land holding title through the owner from whom the department, a county, or a municipality acquired its property. In the event that all or a portion of the property subject to disposition is a roadway located in a subdivision with a duly formed property owner's association, the notice for that roadway portion of the property within such subdivision may be provided to the association in lieu of the individual owners of abutting land. The notice shall be in writing delivered to the appropriate owner or association or by publication if the owner's or association's address is unknown; and the owner or the association, as applicable, shall have the right to acquire, as provided in this subsection, the property with respect to which the notice is given. Publication, if necessary, shall be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the property is located. If, after a search of the available public records, the address of any interested party cannot be found, a record of the facts and reciting the steps taken to establish the address of any such person shall be placed in the department, county, or municipal records and shall be accepted in lieu of service of notice by mailing the same to the last known address of such person. After properly completing and documenting the search, the department, county, or municipality may dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(2) (A) When an entire parcel acquired by the department, a county, or a municipality, or any interest therein, is being disposed of, it may be acquired under the right created in paragraph (1) of this subsection at such price as may be agreed upon, but in no event less than the price paid for its acquisition. When only remnants or portions of the original acquisition are being disposed of, they may be acquired for a price no less than 15 percent under the market value thereof at the time the department, county, or municipality decides the property is no longer needed. The department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property prior to listing such property.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph notwithstanding, if the value of the property is \$75,000.00 or less as determined by department estimate, the department, county, or municipality may negotiate the sale.

(3) If the right of acquisition is not exercised within 30 days after due notice, the department, county, or municipality may proceed to sell such property as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(4) When the department, county, or municipality in good faith and with reasonable diligence attempted to ascertain the identity of persons entitled to notice under this Code section and mailed such notice to the last known address of record of those persons or otherwise complied with the notification requirements of this Code section, the failure to in fact notify those persons entitled thereto shall not invalidate any subsequent disposition of property pursuant to this Code section.

(b) (1) (A) Unless a sale of the property is made pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection, such sale shall be made to the bidder submitting the highest of the sealed bids received after public advertisement for such bids for two weeks. If the highest of the sealed bids received is less than but within 15 percent of the established market value, the department may accept that bid and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. The department or the county or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all bids, in its discretion, to readvertise, or to abandon the sale.

(B) Such public advertisement shall be inserted once a week in such newspapers or other publication, or both, as will ensure adequate publicity, the first insertion to be at least two weeks prior to the opening of bids, the second to follow one week after the first publication. Such advertisement shall include but not be limited to the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place for submission and opening of sealed bids;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

(2) (A) Such sale of property may be made by the department or a county or municipality by listing the property through a real estate broker licensed under Chapter 40 of Title 43 who has a place of business located in the state. Property shall be listed for a period of at least 30 days. The department shall use a real estate appraiser with knowledge of the local real estate market who is licensed in Georgia to establish the fair market value of the property prior to listing such property. If the highest offer received to purchase is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. All sales shall be approved by the commissioner on behalf of the department or shall be approved by the governing authority of the county or municipality at a regular meeting that shall be open to the public, and public comments shall be allowed at such meeting regarding such sale.

(B) Commencing at the time of the listing of the property as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be inserted once a week for two weeks in the legal organ of the county indicating the names of real estate brokers listing the property for the political subdivision. The department, county, or municipality may advertise in newspapers, on the Internet, or in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) (A) Such sale of property may be made by the department, a county, or a municipality to the highest bidder at a public auction conducted by an auctioneer licensed under Chapter 6 of Title 43. If the highest offer received to purchase is less than the appraised value but within 15 percent of such value, the department, county, or municipality may accept such offer and convey the property in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(B) The department, county, or municipality shall provide for a notice to be inserted once a week for the two weeks immediately preceding the auction in the legal organ of the county including, at a minimum, the following items:

(i) A description sufficient to enable the public to identify the property;

(ii) The time and place of the public auction;

(iii) The right of the department or the county or municipality to reject any one or all of the bids;

(iv) All the conditions of sale; and

(v) Such further information as the department or the county or municipality may deem advisable as in the public interest.

The department, county, or municipality may advertise in magazines relating to the sale of real estate or similar publications.

(C) The department, county, or municipality shall have the right to reject any and all offers, in its discretion, and to sell such property pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(c) Any conveyance of property shall require the approval of the department, county, or municipality, by approval of the commissioner on behalf of the department and, in the case of a county or municipality, by resolution, to be recorded in the minutes of its meeting. If the department or the county or municipality approves a sale of property, the commissioner, chairperson, or presiding officer may execute a quitclaim deed conveying such property to the purchaser. All proceeds arising from such sales shall be paid into and constitute a part of the funds of the seller.

History

Code 1933, § 95A-621, enacted by Ga. L. 1973, p. 947, § 1; Ga. L. 1974, p. 1422, § 16A; Ga. L. 1995, p. 1195, § 1; Ga. L. 2008, p. 726, § 1/SB 444; Ga. L. 2009, p. 8, § 32/SB 46; Ga. L. 2015, p. 1072, § 3/SB 169; Ga. L. 2015, p. 1358, § 1/HB 477; Ga. L. 2018, p. 372, § 6/SB 445.

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Steps needed to close a County Road

If a citizen or group of citizens wish for the County to abandon a section of the County Road system and close that road to public access the following steps must be taken:

1. The Citizen or group of citizens must request in writing that the road be closed.
2. They must identify the road by name and indicate whether they wish to close the entire road or a portion of the road.
3. It is not required but recommended that they consult with all property owners along both sides of the road section.
4. This request must be in the office of the County Manager no later than ten working days before the next Regular Meeting date of the Commissioners.

Once the request is made in writing, the County Manager will request an impact statement from the Toombs County Board of Education Bus Route Coordinator, the Toombs County Road Department Supervisor, the ambulance director and the Code Enforcement officer. That impact information will be shared with the Board of Commissioners who will then address the request at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Board.

Once a motion has been made and seconded the Commissioners will debate and decide the question only as to the use and public purpose. This motion does not abandon or close the road. If the determination is made and certified in the minutes that the road is not used to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it then the remainder of the process will begin including:

1. Notice to all landowners adjacent to the road
2. Placement of signs on the effected roadway notifying the public of the potential closing
3. Advertisement for two weeks in legal organ
4. Public Hearing
5. Final vote and declaration that the Road shall be abandoned

Effective: December 14, 2011

SUMTER COUNTY

COUNTY ROAD ABANDONMENT PROCESS

O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)

1. Verify the County owns the road or an easement/right-of-way on it. This would be by either:
 - A deed; *or*
 - Prescription if the road has had unlimited public use for 7 or more years. (O.C.G.A. § 32-3-3.)
 2. Send notice of the abandonment and the hearing to all property owners on the portion of the road to be abandoned. Send certified and regular mail.
 3. Publish notice of the proposed abandonment and the hearing in the legal organ once a week for 2 weeks.
 4. Send written notice to any city into which or through which any part of the road passes. Send certified and regular mail. The city has 30 days to exercise its automatic right to take over the road. If it does, see O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)(2) and (3).
 5. The Commissioners must hold a public hearing and receive comments from citizens on the proposed abandonment. Make sure property owners receive their notice and it is run in the legal organ *before* the hearing is held.
 6. The Commissioners must declare on the minutes of a meeting that the road or a portion of it:
 - Has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it; *or*
 - Abandonment of the road is in the best public interest.
- The Commissioners must then declare that section of the County's road system abandoned. A plat or sketch of the portion of the road to be abandoned must be in the minutes.
7. Send written notice to the city that it has 15 days to reconsider exercising its right to take over the road.
 8. Notify Public Works and GIS so they can update the list of County roads.
 9. If the city is unwilling to take the road, dispose of it per the procedures in O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4. (Notice must first be given to the person from whom County bought the property. If that person has since sold the tract the road was acquired from, County must give notice to the abutting land owner(s) who hold title from the original owner. If in a subdivision, may give notice to homeowners' association. They have 30 days to exercise right to purchase. Generally, may be sold for fair market value, but no less than original price. If greater than \$75k, appraisal required. If no one exercises the right to buy, the County must solicit sealed bids and advertise the bid for two weeks. Other limitations apply per O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4.)

DODGE COUNTY

- A. **Intersections:** Intersections shall be as nearly at right angles as possible, and no intersection shall be at an angle less than 75 degrees.
- B. **Grading:** All streets, roads and alleys shall be graded by the sub divider to provide the necessary paving, roadway, drainage, and safety requirements. The sub-grade shall consist of top soil compacted according to the department of transportation or county specifications.
- C. **Storm drainage:** An adequate drainage system including necessary curbs, pipes, culverts, headwalls and ditches as appropriate shall be provided for the property drainage of all surface water. Pipe size will be determined by the use of the rational method or the peak discharge method.
- D. **Right of Way:** 60 feet of unobstructed right-of-way with a 20-foot, or greater, paved roadbed.
- E. **Road Base:** The base shall be six inches of sand clay or chert base compacted according to the department of transportation or county specifications. This is the surface specification if the road is not to be paved.
- F. **Pavement Surface:** Surface area shall be triple surface treatment using stone size number 5, 7, or 89, and group 1 or 2; or asphalt paving of a minimum 1½ inches of E or F mix asphalt may be utilized.

Section 2

2-1 Abandonment

- A. **Abandonment Standard:** In order for a road to be abandoned, the Board of Commissioners shall determine that all or part of the road has ceased to be used by public so as to no longer serve any substantial useful purpose, or that the removal of the road from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest. A road shall not be closed for the purpose of helping a private landowner.
- B. **Considered factors for Abandonment:**
 - 1. Source of title
 - 2. Present use
 - 3. Potential need for future development
 - 4. Costs involved
 - 5. Alternate means of travel
 - 6. Benefit to the public
 - 7. Adverse impact to public

- C. **Procedure:** A petition for road abandonment can be made by the public or road superintendent for a hearing before the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners will make the final determination. There will be two (2) public hearings held for comments prior to the decision. Once formally abandoned, the roadway will be removed from the network.

2-2 Temporary Closure

- A. **Closure Standard:** In order for a road to be closed, the County Manager or their designee shall determine if the road poses certain danger to public travel. The road shall be closed until a time in which the road is permissible for travel by means of temporary or permanent repair.

Section 3

Underground Utilities

- A. In order to more efficiently provide for the maintenance of roads in the county, the Board of Commissioners do enact into law the provisions of this section, as allowed under O.C.G.A 32-4-42 (6).
1. When a utility company or private company plans to place any type utility wire, line, cable, conduit, pipe or any other object underground in or near travel of the county's roads they must first secure a written permit for easement from the Commissioners' Office.
 2. Application for a permit for a utility encroachment shall be presented with a sketch or plan attached indicating the location of said utility.
 3. Any utility to be laid underground shall be placed at a minimum of three (3) feet deep. This is to be verified by either the Road Superintendent or County Manager prior to covering. Dodge County will not assume liability for any utility not buried to this specification.
 4. When the Board of Commissioners shall reasonably determine that any utility under the public roads of the county should be removed or relocated because it has become an obstruction or interference with the use and safe operation of a county road, a written notice shall be directed to the utility company giving at least 60 days' notice in which to make such change as is necessary for removal or relocation as may be necessary. If the utility does not thereafter begin removal procedures within a reasonable time sufficient to allow for engineering and other activities necessary to the removal and relocation of the utility facility, the commissioners may give the utility a final notice directing that such removal shall commence not later than ten days from receipt of such final notice. If such removal has not begun, or if such removal has begun and the relocation has not been completed within a reasonable time, the county commissioners may



**BULLOCH COUNTY
ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

ADOPTED:

MAY 6, 2008

AMENDED:

APRIL 15, 2014

13.0 ABANDONMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

13.1 Road Closing Petition.

Any person or organization wishing to close an existing public street, road, or highway to public traffic, or to vacate a public easement granted to the county, may submit a petition for consideration by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with state law and under the following provisions.

- 1) Filing of the petition using a county form.
- 2) A processing and review fee subject to the Board of Commissioners' adopted schedule of fees and charges.
- 3) A plat or sketch of the road or portion of road that is proposed to be closed.
- 4) Signatures by all of the owners of property adjoining the road and by all of the owners of property who use the road as their only means of ingress/egress to their property.
- 5) The signatures shall be accompanied with a statement that the property owners release and indemnify the county from any duty to maintain the road.

The county staff shall schedule a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of determining whether the road or portion of the road that is proposed to be closed has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. Notice of the date, time, and purpose of the public hearing shall be given to property owners located on the road and shall be published in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements for the county are published once a week for a period of two weeks.

The county staff shall prepare a report prior to the public hearing. To the extent that the county staff has knowledge of such, the report will consider the following factors:

- 1) Source of Title: Does Bulloch County own fee simple title to the road/street or merely an easement for use by public for road purposes?
- 2) Present Use of Road, Street or Alley: Is the present use for the general public; limited use by a small group; or for the location of public utilities?
- 3) Past History: What use has been made of the road/street in the last seven (7) years?
- 4) Potential Need in the Future: Is the road or street in a growth area, or have transportation studies identified the road as a potential connector or corridor that would improve the transportation network?
- 5) Cost Involved in Abandoning Road/Street: Are there cost considerations, including legal costs that would make the abandonment prohibitive?
- 6) Availability of Other Means of Travel: Would abandonment cause an inconvenience to the general public, adjoining land owners or neighborhoods, delivery of emergency, utility, or other public services?

After a public hearing on such issue, the Board of Commissioners may declare that section of the county road system abandoned if the Commissioners find that it has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. If the petition is approved:

- 1) The Board of Commissioners may declare the requested road or portion of road petitioned abandoned, and shall certify the action by record in its minutes. Thereafter, that section of road shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the section of road as a public road shall cease.

- 2) It shall be the responsibility of the petitioner to physically close the roadway, and, the County Engineer may require the property owners to place an appropriate sign alongside or at the end of the road.
- 3) If the abandoned road was a prescriptive public road, the County may execute quitclaim deeds to the property owners along the road at their request. If the abandoned road was a deeded public road, the County may dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 32-7-4.
- 4) No application for abandonment may be made, or considered, if any portion of the property sought to be abandoned has been the subject of an abandonment application filed, or considered by the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, within the immediate preceding two years.

The failure to follow any of the above provisions shall not affect the validity of a road abandonment that otherwise complies with the requirements of Georgia law.



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Road Abandonment Request

Date of Request: _____

Road Name: _____

Requester/Authorized Agent: _____

Requester's physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

Road length in Miles: _____ Paved Unpaved

For recording purposes, please provide Survey Plat of Road

Reason for Requested Abandonment: _____

Number of homeowners to be affected by Abandonment: _____ *Have they been notified of proposal? _____

Number of businesses to be affected by Abandonment: _____ *Have they been notified of proposal? _____
*Please provide proof of notification

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Payment Received: \$550.00 Date _____ Receipt # _____

Was evidence provided to indicate that all or most of the affected home or business owners have been notified of proposed abandonment? Yes No

Recommendation by Planning & Development Director: _____

If recommendation is for Denial, reason _____

Planning Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

ROAD ABANDONMENT CHECKLIST

Name of Road _____

When there is a request to abandon a county road the following steps must be followed:

1. The Board of Commissioners must approve beginning the process at a regular board meeting.

Completed Date _____

2. A "Notice of Intent to Abandon A County Road" must be published in the legal organ of the county for two weeks.

Completed Dates _____

3. Post signs at each end of the road proposed to be abandoned.

Completed Date _____

4. Public hearing is held.

Completed Date _____

5. Board of Commissioners approves Certification of Road Abandonment at a regular board meeting.

Completed Date _____

- a. A copy of the certification and plat is mailed to the property owner(s).

Completed Date _____

- b. A copy of the certification and plat is published in the county's legal organ for two weeks.

Completed Dates _____

6. Board of Commissioners declares road abandoned and authorizes Chairman to sign affidavit of abandonment (and, if needed, resolution conveying land to property owner and quit-claim deed) at a regular board meeting.

Completed Date _____

- a. County attorney prepares an affidavit of abandonment (and, if needed, resolution and quit-claim deed), to be executed by the Chairman, and files the affidavit and quit-claim deed with the Putnam County Superior Court.

Completed Date _____

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON A COUNTY ROAD

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-1 and 32-7-2, notice is given that Putnam County will consider the abandonment of Price Road, the length being approximately 1.3 miles long.

It appears the roadway proposed to be abandoned serves no public purpose and it is otherwise in the best interest of the County to abandon the same. If abandoned, this road shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the section of road, as a public road shall cease.

A public hearing will be held on December 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.* in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, GA 31024 regarding the abandonment of this county road. The public is invited to express any concerns regarding Putnam County's determination.

Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility shall contact County Manager Paul Van Haute five business days in advance of the meeting at 117 Putnam Drive, Suite A, Eatonton, GA 31024, (706) 485-5826, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to continue the hearing to another time and place in the event the number of people in attendance at the hearing, including the Board of Commissioners, staff, and members of the public exceeds the legal limits. Hearings will be conducted pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 and Section 2-42 of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

*Start time may be delayed if another public hearing is scheduled prior to this meeting.

11/30/2017 & 12/07/2017

**CERTIFICATION BY
PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF DETERMINATION REGARDING ABANDONING
COUNTY ROAD AND DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners has determined that a section of the county road system, specifically, a portion of Horton Drive more particularly described on a plat of survey attached hereto as "Exhibits A & B" and made a part hereof, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing with respect to abandoning such public roads has been published once a week for a period of two weeks in *The Eatonton Messenger* which is the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements for the county are published; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, a public hearing on such issue was held;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of OCGA 32-7-2(b)(1), the Putnam County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify that it has determined that the portion of Horton Drive described on "Exhibits A & B" attached hereto has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it. The Board does hereby direct the County Clerk to record said certification in the Board's minutes, to provide said certification to the property owners located on the portion of the roads described on said "Exhibits A & B", and to publish notice of said certification in *The Eatonton Messenger* once a week for a period of two weeks.

The Board does hereby declare that portion of Horton Drive described on said "Exhibits A & B" to be abandoned once the requirements of OCGA 32-7-2(b)(1) have been met. Thereafter that portion of roads shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the portion of the roads as public roads shall cease.

This 17th day of November 2020.

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Billy Webster
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

PLEASE RECORD & RETURN TO:
LYNN BUTTERWORTH
PUTNAM COUNTY CLERK
117 PUTNAM DRIVE, SUITE A
EATONTON, GA 31024

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

AFFIDAVIT OF ABANDONMENT

RE: Little-Minton Road

The undersigned Deponent, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That he is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County and has the authority, pursuant to Georgia law, to execute documents on behalf of Putnam County, Georgia.

2. That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2, a public hearing, having being properly noticed, was held on August 7, 2020 to consider the abandonment of a portion of Little-Minton Road.

3. That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2, on August 18, 2020 (*note: date of certificate goes here) the Putnam County Board of Commissioners determined the portion of Little-Minton Road described on "Exhibit A" attached hereto had ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it.

4. That the portion of the road or roads herein described have been abandoned by resolution of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners and shall no longer be part of the county road system and the rights of the public in and to the portion of the roads as public roads have ceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Billy Webster, Deponent
Chairman, Putnam County
Board of Commissioners

Notary Public

Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC

Department: Landfill

Date: February 28, 2022

Subject: County C&D Landfill Operation and Management

Summary:

BOC to discuss landfill operation with respect to Landfill Technologies, Inc. giving up managing the landfill.

Need to discuss immediate short term solution and long term permanent solution.

Background:

Jasper County Landfill operates a C&D landfill.

Currently managed by an independent contractor – Landfill Technologies, Inc.

Landfill Technologies Inc. Owner – Sammy McCowan

Cost:

Notes:

C&D Landfill – Construction, Demolition and Inert Materials Accepted

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday only

EPD requires a Certified Landfill Operator on site at all times