



**Engineering Services Committee**

November 28, 2023

Road Abandonment

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- Department:** Law
- Presenter:** N/A
- Caption:** Motion to determine that the road beginning at the intersection of Doug Barnard Parkway and Newsprint Road, terminating at Graphic Packaging International, as shown on the attached map, has 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, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2, with the abandoned property to be quit-claimed to the appropriate party(ies) as provided by law and an easement to be retained over the entire abandoned portion for existing or future utilities as directed by Augusta Engineering Department and Augusta Utilities Department.
- Background:** Graphic Packaging International requested abandonment of the aforementioned road. See Exhibit "1" with attachments. The abandonment request has been reviewed by all essential county departments and administrators and approvals were received to this abandonment request.
- Analysis:** In addition to the information provided in the above Background section, publication notices will be made for a public hearing to be held, with results to be presented to the Commission. Notice to the property owners located thereon will be made, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(b)(1). See Exhibit "2".
- Financial Impact:** Cost of publication and advertisement of public hearing.
- Alternatives:** Approve or deny request to determine that the road beginning at the intersection of Doug Barnard Parkway and Newsprint Road and terminating at Graphic Packaging International be abandoned.
- Recommendation:** Approve determination and request for abandonment of the road beginning at the intersection of Doug Barnard Parkway pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2 with the abandoned property to be quit-claimed to the appropriate party(ies) as allowed by law and any easements as directed by the Augusta Engineering Department and the Augusta Utilities Department to be retained over the needed abandoned portion for existing or future utilities and drainage.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:**

**REVIEWED AND**  
**APPROVED BY:**