

Staff Report

Subject: Ratification of Georgia Power Easement – Animal Shelter

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Item Description: Consideration to Ratify and affirm the utility easement granted to Georgia Power Company for electrical service improvements at the Effingham County Animal Shelter.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve ratification of the signed Georgia Power easement and authorize completion of the recording process.

Executive Summary / Background:

Georgia Power requires a utility easement on at 307 South Highway 119 in Springfield to relocate overhead electrical lines and provide new underground electrical service to the Animal Shelter. The easement covers the installed overhead and underground distribution lines and related equipment shown on Exhibit A. It also grants Georgia Power access to construct, operate, maintain, repair, and replace those facilities and to clear obstructions that may interfere with the lines. The easement conveys utility rights only and does not transfer ownership of the property. The County Manager signed the easement on July 23, 2026, and Board ratification is requested.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Ratify the easement as executed
2. Do not approve the ratification, and advise.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Engineering, County Manager

Funding Source: N/A

Attachments: Signed Georgia Power Combination Easement, including Exhibit A (Project No. 2026060474; Account No. 11112430-GPC9596-VBS-GP531E05926).