

Staff Report

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings – Goshen Road Widening from CR 140/Hodgeville Road to SR 21, Parcel 9

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Meeting Date: September 1st, 2026

Item Description: Consideration to approve a Resolution authorizing the County Attorney to institute condemnation proceedings through the Declaration of Taking Method for acquisition of Parcel 9 associated with the Goshen Road Widening from CR 140/Hodgeville Road to SR 21.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County is advancing the Goshen Road Widening from CR 140/Hodgeville Road to SR 21 to improve the County Road system for the citizens of Effingham County. In order to proceed with construction activities associated with the project, the County must acquire the necessary driveway easement interest for Parcel 9.

County representatives have attempted to acquire the required property interest through negotiated conveyance; however, those efforts have been unsuccessful. Due to project timelines and the necessity of securing the property interest to avoid delays to the project, staff and legal counsel recommend proceeding with condemnation through the Declaration of Taking Method pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-3-1 et seq.

The proposed acquisition includes approximately 0.01 acres (380.88 square feet) of required driveway easement associated with the project improvements.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Engineering, County Attorney

Funding Source:

Attachments: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings, Exhibit “A” Legal Description
- Parcel 9 Required Driveway Easement, Goshen Road Right-of-Way Plans