

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Special Assessment Rate for 2017
DATE OF MEETING: January 10, 2017

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation ()
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()
Other ()

BUDGET IMPACT \$
FUNDING SOURCE
 () Annual
 () Capital
 (x) N/A

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Special Assessment Rate for 2017

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners is required to set the interest rate for Special Assessments at the beginning of each calendar year. This rate is for all paving and utility assessments that are not paid off during the initial 90-day phase. Unpaid assessments revert to an installment agreement which is to be paid over a period of up to ten years. The rate is based on the current prime rate plus two (2) percent. The prime rate is the interest rate charged by banks when they lend money to other banks, or to their "prime" customers. Most American banks and credit unions use this index as a foundation for their loan products. The current prime rate is 3.75%; therefore, the rate for special assessments should be set at 5.75% for 2017. The rate was set at 5.50% for 2016.

OPTIONS: 1. Approval of the Special Assessment Rate at 5.75% for 2017
 2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1. Approval of the Special Assessment Rate

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Stephanie Black

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:


County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____