

## **ROAD ACQUISITION POLICY**

### **I. OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard set of procedures and criteria by which Evans County Board of Commissioners must follow before a road is placed on the County Road Maintenance List and accepted for public dedication.

### **II. POLICY STATEMENTS**

**A.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not from this day forward accept, open, improve, grade, or pave any road which has not attained the status of a County road nor met the requirements for roads which are set forth in this policy.

**B.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not accept a road unless it has a right of way of at least sixty (60) feet, and a paved road bed of at least twenty-four (24) feet.

**C.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not accept a road for public dedication until it has been determined by the Commissioners that it serves a public purpose and meets the requirements of the road acquisition policy.

**D.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not accept a road until the complete road right of way is cleared of all obstacles including timbers and other structures.

**E.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not accept a road until said road is brought up to an elevation which prevents flooding, has been equipped with proper drainage pipes, including driveway and ramp pipes, has drainage easements and out-fall ditches where needed, and the road right of way has been grassed. All pipes must be concrete and approved by the County. All cross drains shall contain at least 32 feet of approved concrete pipe of a size sufficient to provide proper drainage.

**F.** The Evans County Board of Commissioners shall not accept a dead end road unless a cul-de-sac with a radius from the center of not less than 65 feet from the outside edge is constructed at the end of the road.

### **III. ROAD ACCEPTANCE**

In order for the Evans County Board of Commissioners to consider accepting a road for public dedication, the owners or developers, at a regularly scheduled meeting, must present a right of way deed and plat to Evans County with clear title and a written request for the Commissioners to accept the road as a public county maintained road. The Board of Commissioners will then have thirty (30) days to approve, disapprove, or request additional information on the road.

## EVANS COUNTY ROAD SPECIFICATIONS

The Evans County Road Specifications apply to the construction of roads and acceptance of roads by the Evans County Board of Commissioners. These specifications shall be followed in conjunction with the Evans County Road Acquisition Policy and Evans County Land Use Ordinances.

1. Evans County Road Specifications shall mirror the requirements of the Georgia Department of Transportation Road Specifications, except where certain conditions or requirements of this policy are different from those of the GDOT. In such cases, the local rules shall apply.
2. All roads must be designed and constructed in accordance with Evans County Road Specifications, have a right of way of at least 60 feet, and have an asphalt paved road bed of not less than 24 feet.
3. All roads must have a minimum of six inches compacted graded aggregate base and a surface consisting of a minimum of one and a half inches compacted asphalt. Compaction tests on the subgrade, base, and surface shall be conducted in accordance with GDOT standards and certified by a professional engineer.
4. All right of ways must be grassed and cleared of any obstructions, including timbers and other structures.
5. Design, construction, and maintenance of the road shall be the responsibility of the owner until accepted by Evans County.
6. Road shoulders shall have a front slope of no steeper than 3:1, except where curb and gutter and storm drainage is required.
7. All roads shall be brought up to an elevation which prevents flooding. All roads must be equipped with proper drainage structures. Drainage easements and outfall ditches should be in place if needed. The Road Superintendent and County Administrator must approve road elevations, drainage plan, and drainage structures prior to installation.
8. Prior to acceptance, the owner shall provide Evans County with certification that the road was constructed according to GDOT specifications and provide all testing information as required throughout the construction process. The certification must be done by a professional engineer licensed by the State of Georgia.