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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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## Toombs County Government Road Plans

(November 12, 2024). On Thursday, November 7, 2024 Toombs County received between 8 – 11 inches of rain in a 24 hours period. Given this event and the debris that existed from Hurricane Helene in our streams, creeks, waterways and rivers, Toombs County experienced the worst flooding in recent memory. Subsequently, Toombs County Board of Commissioners Chairman David Sikes has declared an additional State of Emergency in addition to the State of Emergency declared from Hurricane Helene.

The flooding, like the Hurricane Helene, has affected everyone and has severely damaged the county road system, specifically the dirt road system. Toombs County Public Works will begin the process remediating the damage as soon as conditions become practical to begin.

The first steps will be to attempt to cover as many wash outs on the roads as possible to allow emergency vehicles access to as many roads as possible. This will mean attempting to cover the wash out and move on to the next road. Some roads will be too severely damaged to allow this and will need additional dedicated resources to repair. Most roads will take several passes before returning to their original condition. As mentioned, others are going to take more dedicated resources and involve third party contractors. This will be a long process measured in months, identical to our current debris cleanup project.

We ask for patience as our crews begin this massive endeavor that lies before us.

Chairman David Sikes noted, "As always, our first concern is the safety of our citizens and employees and insuring they are safe in their homes and roadways. We encourage our friends and neighbors to use their best judgement and limit their traveling during this time."

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## State of Emergency

**WHEREAS:** The County of Toombs, Georgia has experience an event of critical significance as a result of severe rainfall since Thursday, November 7, 2024 and:

**WHEREAS:** These exist emergency circumstances requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective acts for the protection of the health and safety of the citizens of the County of Toombs, and,

**WHEREAS:** To prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event,

**WHEREAS:** The County of Toombs declares an additional state of emergency exists,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

That the County of Toombs continue the Toombs County Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Plan, and,

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**

That the Emergency Management Ordinances adopted by the Toombs County Commissioners continue to be operative.

10:00 AM.; this the 12th Day of November 2024

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David Sikes  
Chair, Toombs County Commisson