

Alachua County, FL

Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00039 Agenda Date: 1/23/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Z23-000007: A request for a special use permit to allow a 265 ft. Personal Wireless Services Facility (PWSF) on a portion of tax parcel number 07605-000-000.

Presenter:

Mehdi Benkhatar, 352-374-5261

Description:

A request by Joel Rousseau of NexTower Development Group II, LLC, agent, for Rayonier Forest Services, LP, owner, for a special use permit for a 265' Personal Wireless Services Facility (PWSF). The site is located in the Agriculture zoning district and has a future land use designation of Rural/Agriculture (1 dwelling unit/5 acres). The site is a 0.23 acre portion of parcel 07605-000-000, located on N. County Rd. 225, to the northwest of the city of Waldo.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** Z23-000007 with the conditions and bases as listed in the Staff Report.

Prior Board Motions:

None.

Fiscal Note:

As part of the application process, the applicant has paid all necessary fees as per the approved fee schedule.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

This application is a request for a special use permit to allow a Tier 3 personal wireless service facility (PWSF) on a 100ft. x 100 ft. portion (0.23 acres) of parcel 07605-000-000 (a large, 197-acre timberland parcel) located to the northwest of the City of Waldo. The applicant is requesting a 265' self-supporting lattice PWSF (255' tower plus 10' for lightning rod/FAA lighting).

The tower has been proposed to reduce the cell service coverage gap in this part of the county.