

Northwest Polk County Government Center CPA Project Narrative

On February 5, 2026, Polk County finalized the purchase of approximately 27 acres fronting Kathleen Road northwest of the city of Lakeland with the intention of creating a County Government annex. This facility will provide the public with remote access to all the County Government branches of service. This will provide closer access to Board of County Commissioner's services such as building permits, customer service for water, wastewater, garbage, drainage, road maintenance, and public meeting facilities. It will also provide services from the constitutional offices such as the Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Sherriff, and Supervisor of Elections.



Staff chooses to request a change to the INST district because of the following reasons:

- The property is predicted to remain under County ownership beyond the 30-year planning horizon.
- The property is more central to the growing populations in the northwest portion of the County than the existing one in downtown Lakeland.
- The stormwater facility adjacent to the site is being included. This facility filters stormwater runoff from Kathleen Road through percolation and evaporation. It will be expanded to serve the proposed Northwest Government Center and be incorporated into an aesthetic design that will include passive recreation facilities.