

HUNT COUNTY ROAD POLICIES

Section I Maintenance of Public Roads

- A. All public roads located in unincorporated areas of Hunt County, which are determined by the Commissioner's Court to be county roads, will be maintained by the county. All others shall be considered private roads and will not be maintained by Hunt County.
- B. Roads or sections of roads which are bordered by a city or cities shall not be maintained by Hunt County as follows:
 - (a) Any portion of a public road, which has been annexed by a city or cities, shall not be maintained at county expense.
 - (b) Public roads or portions of public roads, which are bordered by a city or cities on one side, will be considered to lie in an incorporated area from the centerline of the public road to the city border. That portion which is considered to be in an incorporated area shall not be maintained at county expense.
 - (c) Public roads or portions of public roads, which are bordered by a city or cities on both sides, will be considered to lie in an incorporated area and shall not be maintained by Hunt County.
- C. An annual assessment will be made by the Commissioners' Court concerning the type of surface on all county roads. The county will accept the responsibility to maintain all county roads with the type of surface specified in the annual road surface report, if funds are available.

Section 11 Upgrade of County Roads

- A. Commissioners' Court will consider upgrading a rock road to an asphalt or oil sand road if the adjacent property owners donate the right-of-way described in Section VI of this policy and reimburse the county for the cost of materials required to upgrade the subject road to asphalt or oil sand.
- B. The commissioner or his representative in each precinct will determine the cost for the materials based on the need for each road requested for upgrade. The cost will vary depending upon

- the type of surface, width of traffic surface, preparation costs, etc.
- C. The Commissioners' Court will consider upgrading a dirt road to a rock road provided that the adjacent property owners:
 - (a) Donate the right-of way described in Section VI of this policy; and
 - (b) Reimburse the county for the cost of materials to upgrade the subject road to the appropriate depth and width of rock. The cost for this upgrade will vary depending upon the amount of work required and will be determined by the commissioner of each precinct.
 - D. In any case where a land developer may need a road upgrade done sooner than the county's schedule might accommodate, the county may allow that developer to employ a private contractor to do the road upgrade according to the specifications and under the county.
 - E. The county may do any road upgrade project it considers necessary, at county expense, to connect other all weather roads which will help the overall community or area and not specific landowners or homeowners.

Section III Abandonment of County Roads

The Commissioner's Court, by unanimous vote, may abandon a county road upon following procedures required by Vernon's Civil Statute's and the Texas Transportation Code.

Section IV Re-Opening of County Roads

The Commissioners' Court will not re-open any county road which has;

- A. been abandoned by Commissioner's Court upon petition of landowners under provisions described in Section III,
- B. received no maintenance by the county for a period to ten (10) years, or
- C. been fenced off by landowners denying access as a public road and not contested by the county.

Section V Sub-divisions

- A. To be considered for maintenance by Hunt County, private roads in recorded sub-divisions must be asphalt or oil sand and meet current county standards in regards to width, drainage, culverts, base material type and thickness, as described in the Hunt County Sub-division Rules and Regulations.
- B. Private roads in recorded sub-divisions which do not meet county standards, can be considered for maintenance by the county provided the landowners donate additional right-of-way, when needed and provide total funding to upgrade such roads to county standards, as described in the Hunt County Sub-division Rules and Regulations.

Section VI Right-of-way

- A. Right-of-way shall be in the following form:
 - (a) right-of-way which is donated may be in deed or easement form or:
 - (b) right-of-way which is purchased through negotiations or by eminent domain, shall be in deed form with an actual ownership (title) transfer of the land.
- B. Right-of way width
 - (a) The right-of-way width for all existing Hunt County roads is considered to be (fifty) 50 feet, except in recorded sub-divisions which are sixty (60) feet.
 - (b) The right-of-way width of roads to be upgraded shall be a minimum of sixty (60) feet.
 - (c) Right-of-way widths may be waived by Commissioners' Court upon recommendation of the precinct commissioner after he has completed his assessment of the road to be upgraded.

Section VIII Reimbursement by Property Owners

Upon Commissioners' Court approval of a road project requires reimbursement from the adjacent property owners, the property owners involved must place the required amount of money in escrow the Hunt

County Auditor and provide the required right-of way prior to the commencement of the project.

Section IX Culverts

Drive culverts within county road right-of-ways shall be permitted and sized by the county. Only corrugated metal culverts will be permitted. Culverts shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet in length. New drive culverts must be installed at the expense of the property owner. Existing culverts with county road right-of ways will be replaced as needed by the county at county expense.

Section X Extenuating Circumstances

Any Extenuating circumstances not covered under this policy shall be brought to the attention of Commissioners' court for consideration.

The Hunt County Road Policies were accepted by the Hunt County Commissioners' Court on Monday, February 9, 1998 and became effective on this date.

These policies supercede all previous Hunt County Road Policies pertaining to any subject covered by these policies.

Amendment to Hunt County Road Policy

June 28, 2004

Hunt County prohibits the construction of concrete or masonry mailbox structures on right-of-way of any county road. Mailboxes must be mounted on posts made of material which will bend or breakaway upon impact of a vehicle. Hunt County will not be responsible for damage or destruction of brick structures which already exist during maintenance of county roads or ditches.

General Requirements for Upgrading County Roads

An application requesting a road upgrade must be submitted to the Commissioners' office specifying the location and approximate length of

road or section of road to be upgraded. If more than one person is involved, please designate a single contact.

An approximate cost estimate with right-of-way requirements will be prepared by the precinct commissioner and sent to the requester.

To proceed with the upgrade, the commissioner's office must be notified in writing of the requester's willingness to pay for material costs and donate right-of-way, when applicable.

The request will be brought to the attention of Commissioners' Court for consideration.

The Commissioners' office will notify the requester in writing of the Court's action. A firm cost estimate will be provided if different for the original estimate.

Right-of-way documents, when required, will be prepared by Hunt County for signature. Money for material costs shall be placed in an escrow account by the requester(s). The project will be scheduled for construction after these items have been addressed.