

UNPAVED COUNTY ROADS

The following procedure is recommended by the Land Acquisition Committee of the Citizens Oversight Committee as the process to be followed in the handling of unpaved roads. While it is the desire of this committee that all ROW necessary to accomplish the paving of unpaved roads in Rockdale County be donated by the property owners on said roads, it is also the feeling of this committee that never should 20% or less of the property owners on an unpaved road be allowed to impede the improvements desired by 80% or more of the property owners, and at NO time should absentee landowners be allowed to stop improvements desired by those citizens living on said roads.

PLAN FOR SECURING NECESSARY ROW ON UNPAVED ROADS:

1. When favorable responses to preplanning surveys mailed out by Rockdale County exceed 60% of total for a specific project, then Initial Concept Design shall be implemented.
2. Upon completion of Concept Design, Rockdale County shall provide notice to the public of a Public Information Meeting on the specific project(s). The purpose of this meeting shall be to reveal the Concept Design and address any questions that the citizens may have on the project. Following the Public Meeting, Rockdale County will evaluate the comments (handout at Public Information Meeting) from this meeting and if 80% support is achieved, Rockdale County shall proceed with the final design plans.
3. Upon completion of final design plans, a second Public Information Meeting shall be held to answer any questions that may arise. Immediately following the second meeting, personal contact shall be made with each property owner to secure donations of right-of-way. This contact shall be by a Independent Land Acquisition person and/or a County Employee to secure the right-of-way. At this stage of design, if a minimum of 80% of the property owners on the project have signed deeds donating right-of-way to the County, the County will then proceed with right-of-way negotiations with the final 20% of the property owners. The percentage referred to in this paragraph may be changed for public necessity by the Board of Commissioners.
4. If Rockdale County is unsuccessful in securing the right-of-way from the final 20% of the property owners, Rockdale County shall proceed with condemnation of the right-of-way.

Approved:

2-24-98
Date

Attest:

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Ex-Officio Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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