

Undeveloped “Paper” Street Policy

Paper Streets are defined as streets that are exhibited on recorded plats within Aransas County but have never been constructed. Aransas County will consider extending these streets that were platted with 60’ minimum right-of-way but never developed under the following conditions:

1. The County receives a petition from the affected parties with acknowledgement that there will be a cost to them associated with the extension.
2. The county will estimate the cost of the extension and divide the expense proportionately so that the county will pay one-third and the participating lots adjacent to the street will pay the two-thirds balance.
3. The cost of the road extension will be based on improving the road to the level as petitioned by the property owners. The quality of the road will still be improved in accordance with current County subdivision standards including but not limited to clearing, grading, stabilization, base material, surface treatment, tree disposal, drainage, equipment, and manpower.
4. The cost of the extension will be calculated from the end of the last section of improved road to the furthest property line of the participating lots.
5. Should all property owners in the affected area not choose to participate, the balance of the owners have the option of increasing their participation to cover the additional cost. In no instance will the County increase its share above the one-third limit.
6. Roads will be completed from right-of-way to right-of-way. This includes streets, drainage, shoulders, and clearing. Streets built to the centerline only will not be considered for construction.
7. No street project will be scheduled until all funds for the matching balance are received from the property owners and secured in an escrow account.
8. Projects will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis and will be limited to the annual funding made available by the Commissioner’s Court and by the work load of the Road & Bridge Department.
9. The affected property owners will be charged with coordination and contact of all other parties. The property owners group will designate one contact person. This person will funnel all information and questions to and from the County. The County’s coordinator will be the County Road Administrator.

10. Any unopened County right-of-way shall only be improved beyond its present condition with consent of Commissioner's Court and in accordance with County guidelines. Owners wishing to provide in-kind assistance or material donations toward the road improvement can do so only with permission from the Commissioner's Court. All such donations will go toward lowering the overall project cost rather than lowering any one individual's project share.