

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Herb Tabak
SUBJECT: Request for Maintenance of Summit County Road 506 (CR 506)
Continuance of Regular Meeting held November 12, 2019
AGENDA Item VII. NEW BUSINESS
B. Consideration of Accepting Probationary Maintenance of
County Road 506
(Engineering)
DATE: November 20, 2019

COMMENTS:

The following comments are submitted in regard to the maintenance of CR 506. I am referred to as the "elderly father" in the letter from the property owners attached to the November 12, 2019 agenda, have been a Summit County resident for over 20 years and live at the house referred to in the letter.

The criteria cited in the Staff Report (NB B1- CR 506) submitted by County Engineer Robert Jacobs not only disqualifies all roads in the entire subdivision but also discloses the necessity for full county maintenance of all roads.

CR 506 was one of the roads dedicated to Summit County within the Breckenridge Heights Subdivision, Filing No, 2 in 1964. Summit County originally provided maintenance on all roads but ceased maintenance responsibility only on CR 506. There is no record of when and how CR 506 became the only road in the subdivision not maintained by Summit County.

CR 506 is the shortest road (approximately 300 feet long) and, along with EVERY ROAD in the subdivision receiving full county maintenance, fails to meet county road standards. CR 506 connects Moonstone Road (CR 502) with Timberlane Circle (CR 504). Both of these roads are fully maintained although both have the same excess grade percentages as CR 506.

CR 506 is located in the center of the subdivision and, particularly for emergency vehicles, is an essential, more efficient route to access Wellington Road on one end and Boreas on the other end.

Maintaining CR 502 and not maintaining CR 506 creates additional safety hazards. Emergency vehicles are unable to properly respond, especially in winter. Snow maintenance last winter on Moonstone blocked my only access to that street by pushing snow onto the property that buried the walkway and gate.

The report does not include the additional costs incurred by Summit County by not maintaining CR 506 that will be saved by returning CR 506 to County Maintenance. One way travel distance for equipment can be shortened from approximately 2 miles to 300 feet that will reduce operating and labor costs.

Citing the report Page 2, Paragraph 5, Line 4: "Acceptance of County maintenance would benefit the County's maintenance operation in providing a more efficient route and preventing damage to other County maintained roads resulting from a lack of, or sub-standard maintenance."

The lack of summer maintenance creates more difficult winter maintenance problems. The winter vehicle control problems occur on all roads in the area but could be easily reduced by including CR 506 in the current road grading schedule.

The recommendation cited in the report contradicts the conclusions of the report and should not be accepted. The facts indicate that the request for county maintenance of CR 506 should not be considered as a probationary request but a request to be reinstated to its former full maintenance status.



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