# POLICY ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY ROADS

This policy of the Board of County Commissioners is for the redevelopment of existing undeveloped county roads. This policy is necessary since approximately 500 miles of undeveloped county roads exist in Crook County and the county does not have the funds to develop and maintain all of the county roads in Crook County. This policy is not binding upon the Board of County Commissioners but is an attempt at a guideline to best use the limited resources of Crook County.

1. To start the process the party requesting to redevelop or improve an undeveloped county road shall schedule an initial meeting with the County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will request the presence of the Road and Bridge Superintendent and others they deem appropriate.
2. The requesting party shall provide a copy of the USGS map, road index map, road number, land ownership overlay and mailing addresses of all surface owners from the County Assessor's Office, mailing addresses of all utility owners and any other information they feel may be relevant to the Board of County Commissioners, Road and Bridge Superintendent, and County Attorney pertaining to the road in question at the time of the initial meeting. The requesting party should review the road file in the County Clerk's office.
3. **INITIAL MEETING:** At the initial meeting the Board of County Commissioners will 1) review the information provided by the requesting party; 2) determine if the roadway needs to be relocated by the County Surveyor; 3) enter any cost agreements deemed necessary; and 4) set a time for at least one of the Commissioners to view the proposed roadway with the requesting party and the Road and Bridge Superintendent and others they deem necessary.
4. The County Clerk shall **notify** by first class mail all surface owners and utility owners, provided by the requesting party of the proposed viewing so they may be present. A preliminary nonbinding legal opinion may be obtained before hand and the County Surveyor may be present.
5. **NEXT MEETING:** After the viewing of the roadway, the requesting party and Road and Bridge Superintendent will need to meet with the entire Board of County Commissioners again at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Road and Bridge Superintendent will require what standard the road should be built to, where accesses should be granted, and what the weight limit should be; The County Attorney will give the legal status of the road. The Sheriff should be present to provide input on traffic, speed, or any other problems that may be an issue. The Rural Addressing Coordinator and any land owners should also be given notice so they may be present to give their input. The County Clerk shall notify all surface owners by first class mail of this meeting.
6. The Board of County Commissioners will require the requesting party to enter into a cost agreement to pay for all costs of relocating the road and the redevelopment of the county road. The actual cost will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners but will include any cost to relocate the road, any notices, travel expenses, resurvey and the cost of rebuilding the road.

7. The Board of County Commissioners will then make their decision to approve or disapprove the redevelopment of the existing county road. If approved, the Board will determine the steps and procedures needed to accomplish the project and provide instruction to the appropriate persons.
8. Any agreements will be entered into with parties in writing with the appropriate financial guarantees.
9. This agreement shall not bind this or any future Board of County Commissioners concerning construction, upkeep and maintenance of any redeveloped road.

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