

Staff Report

Subject: Intent to Abandon County Road maintenance – a portion of Webb Road (**Fourth District**)
Author: Staff
Department: Engineering
Meeting Date: December 6, 2022
Item Description: Second public hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Webb Road

Summary Recommendation: Consideration to permanently abandon and cease maintenance of the section of Webb Road parallel to and on the right-of-way of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. This section of road serves no public purpose and serves only one (1) property owner with access to Webb Road elsewhere. In the Fourth District

Executive Summary/Background:

- With the development of the Dasher Point community within the City of Springfield, city staff approached the County with concern about the presence of the road. It represents a trespass and safety concern for Dasher Point residents.
- After a records search, County staff were unable to locate any County right-of-way. The Road is currently not in use.
- Fire, Sheriff, and EMS have reviewed the request to determine if services will be negatively impacted and had no objection.
- Public notice of the closure began on June 7, 2022 and continued for one (1) month.
- A public hearing was held on August 2, and the vote was postponed to allow time to address concerns of a property owner (Reuben Jenkins) about access across NSRR ROW. NSRR responded and met with the property owner and assured them access could be maintained and would not be withheld.
- A public hearing took place on September 6, and the vote was postponed to December 6, to allow time for a survey of the easement from Webb Road to Mr. Jenkins' property to be prepared.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1 – Approve the posting of the intent to abandon the portion of Webb Road parallel to the NSRR ROW and begin a public comment period.

2 – Take no action/Deny

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: N/A

Department Review: Engineering

Funding Source: N/A

Attachments:

1. Vicinity Map.