



**COUNTY OF RAINS
ROAD & BRIDGE ADMINISTRATION**

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Road and Bridge Administrator



August 27, 2026

Dear Commissioners Court:

Please be advised that Private Roads 5440 and 5441 in Phase I and Phase II of the Cedar Creek Properties subdivision have meet our specifications to be accepted into county maintenance.

Thanks,

Ronnie Morgan
Rains County Road and Bridge Administrator

RESOLUTION #IV.B.8091026

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CERTAIN ROADWAYS IN PHASE II OF CEDAR CREEK SUBDIVISION INTO THE RAINS COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

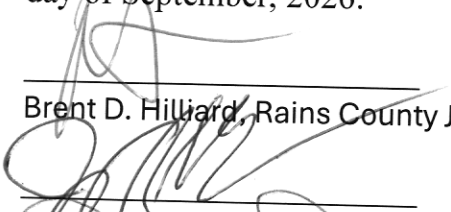
WHEREAS, Private Road 5440 and Private Road 5441, located within Phase II of the Cedar Creek Subdivision in Rains County, Texas, have been presented to the Rains County Commissioners Court for acceptance into the Rains County Road Maintenance System; and

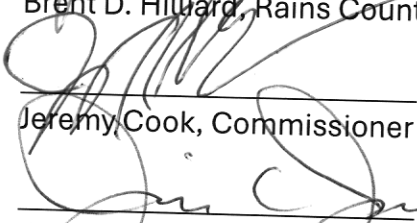
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that acceptance of said roadways is in the public interest and that the roadways are appropriate for inclusion in the County Road Maintenance System.

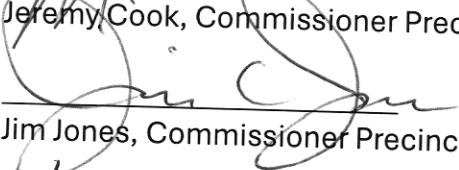
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners Court of Rains County, Texas, that:

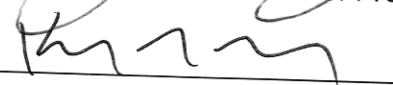
1. Private Road 5440 is hereby accepted into the Rains County Road Maintenance System and shall hereafter be designated as **County Road 4440**.
2. Private Road 5441 is hereby accepted into the Rains County Road Maintenance System and shall hereafter be designated as **County Road 4441**.
3. The County Judge, County Clerk, Road and Bridge Administrator, 911 Addressing Coordinator, and any other appropriate County officials are authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to implement this Resolution and update County records accordingly.

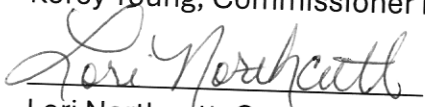
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Rains County Commissioners Court on this the 10th day of September, 2026.

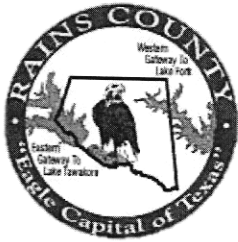

Brent D. Hilliard, Rains County Judge


Jeremy Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1


Jim Jones, Commissioner Precinct 2


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RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Submission Date: 08-26-26 Court Date: 09-10-26	Submitted By: Lori Northcutt Department: Commissioner	Previous Court Action:
Item Requested is: ☒ For Action/Consideration ☐ Public Workshop ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Discussion/Report ☐ Executive Session		
Item:		
Background: Discuss/Take Action to accept a Resolution of the Rains County Commissioners Court supporting the Proposal to adjust the Optional County Road and Bridge Fee.		
Attachments: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Is a Budget Amendment Necessary? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Signatures Required: ☐ County Judge ☐ County Clerk ☐ County Commissioners ☐ Department Head(s): _____ ☐ Other: _____		
Return Signed Originals to: _____ <i>Name/Company</i> _____ <i>Mailing Address</i> _____ <i>City, State, Zip</i> Or Call: _____ to have the documents picked up. <i>Phone Number</i>		

Note: This is the only form required for agenda requests, with the exception of backup materials or attachments. Forms should be returned to the Office of the County Judge (167 E. Quitman St. Ste. 102, Emory, TX 75440) for inclusion on the agenda. Items will not be included if submitted after the deadline: Wednesday at 12 noon preceding Commissioner Court meetings. Regular Court Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Item Received by: Diana Wolfe Date: 8/20/2026 Time: 3:30 pm
AGENDA ITEM IV. B. 1091026

RESOLUTION #IV.B.1091026

A RESOLUTION OF THE RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL TO ADJUST THE OPTIONAL COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FEE

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 authorizes a county Commissioners Court to impose an optional additional fee not to exceed \$10.00 for a vehicle registered in the county, with the net revenue derived credited exclusively to the county road and bridge fund; and

WHEREAS, the statutory maximum cap of \$10.00 for the optional County Road and Bridge Fee was established by the Texas Legislature in 1991 and has remained unchanged for over thirty-five (35) years; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the purchasing power of \$10.00 in 1991 has significantly eroded due to historic inflation, requiring more than \$23.00 today to match the economic value of the original fee structure; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties have experienced extraordinary population growth, leading to unprecedented traffic volume, heavier vehicle weights, and accelerated wear and tear on local lateral roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and industry indices indicate that the cost of critical highway and road construction materials – including asphalt, concrete, steel, and machinery – has spiked by more than 60% since 2020 alone. Far outstripping current local revenue, sources; and

WHEREAS, under current state property tax revenue limitations, counties face strict structural barriers to funding essential infrastructure entirely through local ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the optional County Road and Bridge Fee functions as a highly equitable, localized user fee ensuring that those utilizing the county transportation network contribute directly to its preservation and safety, thereby mitigating the tax burden on non-driving property owners; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Legislative support for Fee Cap Adjustment. The commissioners Court Formally requests and urges the Texas State Legislature to amend Texas Transportation Code Section 502.401 to increase the statutory maximum cap of the

State of Texas
Collin County
Commissioners Court

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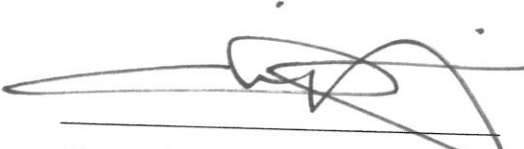
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A resolution of the Collin County Commissioners Court supporting the proposal to adjust the optional county road and bridge fee

SECTION 2. Support for Local Control. The Commissioners Court affirms that any adjustment to the fee up to the new statutory cap shall remain completely optional and at the absolute discretion of each individual county's Commissioners Court, honoring the fundamental principle of local control.

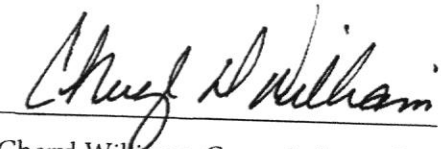
SECTION 3. Transmittal of Resolution. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the regional state Senators and Representatives who represent this county in the Texas Legislature.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by a majority of the court members in attendance during a regular session on Monday June 15, 2026.


Chris Hill, County Judge

Not Present

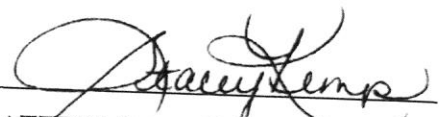

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1


Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2




Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3


Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4


ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk

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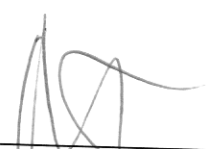
optional County Road and Bridge Fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00, thereby restoring the critical purchasing power lost to thirty-five years of inflation and providing much – needed local revenue flexibility.

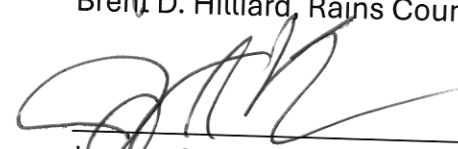
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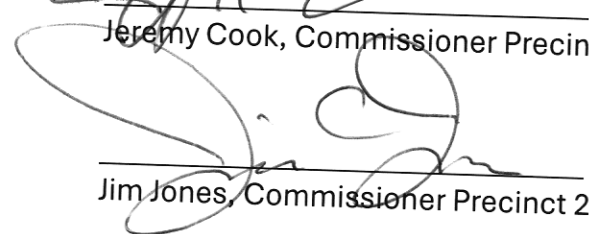
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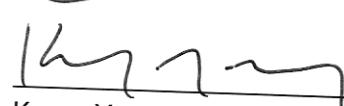
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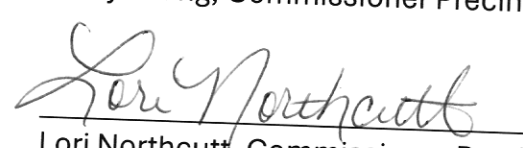
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