

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

<b>TO:</b> BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	<b>Reviewed:</b>
<b>FROM:</b> JAMES M. HAAG, JR.	<b>Ext. 3552</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> PUBLIC WORKS	
<b>DATE:</b> 10/20/08	<b>No.</b>

**ITEM: Consider the request for paving on Utah and Thomas roads**

Background: The Department received a letter from a resident residing on Utah Road between Stafford Road and Thomas Road and from a resident residing on Thomas Road between Utah Road and Vermont Road requesting the respective roads be paved. A letter was sent to all the property owners detailing the two methods of paying for paving. The Board requested the subject be placed on the study session agenda. The Fund balance in the Road Improvement District Fund is \$73,285.56 which would pay the Counties estimated share of two miles.

Recommended Action: Approve or reject the request for paving on Utah and Thomas roads.

Attachments: Letter

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October 8, 2008

Dear Resident,

The Franklin County Public Works Department received a letter from a resident on Utah Road between Stafford Road and Thomas Road and one from a resident on Thomas Road between Utah Road and Vermont Road requesting the County pave Utah Road and Thomas Road.

There are two options available to accomplish this goal. The first is a Benefit District. The Benefit District can be created by petition of:

- 1) 51% of the property owners owning 35% or more of the property of the proposed district
- 2) 35% of the owners owning 51% or more of the proposed district
- 3) Owners of 60% of the land in the proposed district.

Costs are apportioned 60% to the County, 25% to the Township, and 15% to the owners of land within the district.

The second option is the Road Improvement District. This process begins with a letter of interest from any number of property owners indicating a willingness to pay for 40% of the cost of the improvement. A contract is then drawn between the owners and Franklin County. Improvements must be at least a mile in length and connect to a paved road.

The Board of County Commissioners does not have a policy of paying 100% of the cost of paving minor local roads.

The Board of County Commissioners plans to discuss this matter at the October 20, 2008 study session. The meeting begins at 8:30 in the Commission meeting room in the Annex, 1418 South Main, Ottawa.

Sincerely,

James M. Haag Jr., P.E.  
Public Works Director

Cc: County Commission  
County Administrator