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From: Bilbrey, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:36 AM
To: Johnson, Jeff
Cc: Maint Area3; Dean, Randy; Lee, Steve
Subject: Cooter Pond Road

Jeff,

This email is a follow up to the conversation we had late yesterday.

I received a call from Robert Welborn who is very upset about the condition of his private non-county maintained road, Cooter Pond Rd in Deland.

He was sent to me from MA3 to explain the Special Assessment program to him. However, he wouldn't let me go into detail about it. He was more interested in telling me about the troubles this dirt road has caused him. He went on to explain about the damage done to his car, and his grandmother being in the hospital because her meds couldn't be delivered, and how houses have burnt, and police won't travel down this road to stop crime in the area.

Our right of way division determined that there is only one 25' portion of right of way located in front of a single parcel of property on this entire road. I explained to Mr. Welborn that if he and his neighbors were willing to donate property for the right of way they could contact our right of way department who will prepare and record the deeds for them. And that this would be the first step in working towards a special assessment. He said he didn't have a problem with donating right of way. I also went on to explain that he would need to talk to his neighbors, as we needed everyone on the road to donate right of way as well for the Special Assessment program to work.

He pointed out that Lake County maintains other dirt roads around. I explained that we have a certain number of clay roads that are currently maintained, but are not taking on any new roads, other than through the SA paving program.

Ultimately, the call ended with him telling me that he pays his taxes and is not going to let this one go. And that he and his neighbors could just stop paying their tax money to Lake County and instead, and pay someone to fix this road. He also mentioned contacting an attorney and the media. At that point, I passed your office phone number on to him and suggested he contact you.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Thank you,

Michelle Bilbrey

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