

Nicole Gillespie

From: Christine McGough [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 9:55 AM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Asphalted roads

Commissioners

Please freeze the amount funds that are utilized to asphalt roads in Collin County and maintain the current roads. The argument that materials will be more expensive in the future is not a valid reason to spend funds that could be utilized in more critical areas of the budget .

Christine McGough

Nicole Gillespie

From: Linda Jenkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 11:02 AM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Re: County Roads Pavement Project

Subject: Upgrading our County Roads--Please Forward

Dear Friends,

In 2004, the Collin County Commissioners Court adopted a road asphaltting policy which is to upgrade 50 miles of road from rock to asphalt annually. Since that time we have exceeded 50 miles almost every year. Some years we have asphalted up to 60-70 miles of county roads. Under this policy our Public Works budget has not increased and we have also lowered the tax rate.

Our county judge has placed on our September 28th agenda to discuss freezing the miles of roads to be asphalted at 50. In other words, even if we can upgrade 60-70 miles of roads per year we should stop at 50 and then go into a maintenance mode.

This new policy means that it will take several more years to have all of our county roads upgraded and it will also be more expensive to taxpayers as the price of materials continue to increase.

Please join me in convincing commissioners that we should continue to upgrade our county roads as efficiently as possible and that we do not need a cap on how many miles we can upgrade every year. Please send an email to commcourt@collincountytexas.gov in support of the continued upgrading of our county roads.

Once all county roads are upgraded we can then save taxpayers almost \$9 million annually in upgrade costs and have a very much improved quality of life for our rural citizens.

Thank you,
Joe Jaynes

Dear Commissioners,

As a constituent of Mr. Jaynes I had to read the above letter on the blog owned by Mr. Baumbach instead of receiving it directly from Mr. Jaynes who has my e-mail address and my phone number.

I find it interesting that Mr. Jaynes is suddenly so interested in getting all the county roads paved in Collin County as soon as possible; as I have been trying my best to have CR 123 paved for years. There has always been one excuse or another why this CR cannot be paved. For the past couple of years when I have talked to Mr. Jaynes about it, the reason has been that the city of McKinney now owns half of the CR and the city cannot afford their part. I have been willing to settle for getting it oiled during the summer to keep the dust down; but since I do not have an allergy to dust that is not possible.

I find it very disturbing that after years of paying county taxes this road receives only a very minimal amount of maintenance. Instead I see county tax dollars diverted to maintaining city streets. Of course that is where the majority of votes come from so I understand why commissioners want to spend most of the money in cities; and those of us who do not live within a city limit must deal with it.

I do not know if capping the amount of paving is the best way to save money or cut back; but I agree with Judge

9/21/2009

Self that as citizens we should prepare for more future economic downturn in our county, cut back where it is feasible, and continue to find ways to pinpoint wasteful spending; therefore not raising taxes.

Thank you.

Linda Jenkins



Nicole Gillespie

From: Kristi Vest [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 2:21 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Upgrading our county roads

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Melissa, TX, I am concerned about the new policy about maintaining our roads. The policy means that it will take several more years to have all our county roads upgraded, and will be more costly to taxpayers. It also states that there would be a cap on how many miles can be upgraded every year.

Please do not let this policy take effect!! We should continue to upgrade our county roads as efficiently as possible, and we do not need a cap on how many miles we can upgrade every year!

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristi Vest

Nicole Gillespie

From: Diane Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 9:30 AM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: upgrading county roads

Dear Commissioners,

This note is in **support of continuing to black top our county roads** at the rate the county is able to do so without raising taxes (60-70 miles/year is better than 50 miles /year). Get it done: The price will not go down... materials and labor will only get more expensive in the future. I drive farm machinery down the county roads in my area and feel much safer on black top.

Just to list a few pros for paved:

- *decreased wear on tires,
- *decreased dust,
- *no messy oil (used to help decrease dust),
- *less sliding on loose rock,
- *increased safety to drivers during bad weather,
- *increased safety especially when you paint a center stripe,
- *less maintenance to keep the road nice,

I have lived on paved and on rock roads. The safety and health benefit of paved is huge. The more you can pave the better in my opinion.

Sincerely,
Diane Miller
[REDACTED]

Nicole Gillespie

From: Jason Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 10:15 AM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Upgrading our County Roads--Please Forward

Collin County Commissioners,

As school superintendent of Melissa ISD, I urge the commissioner's court to continue with your current practice of paving county dirt roads. In Melissa ISD we have several dirt roads that need to be paved that our school children ride every day to school. Our main concern at Melissa ISD regarding this issue is the safety of our children. The dirt roads cause heavy dust and often impacts our bus drivers view when another vehicle passes them on the dirt road. As well, anytime we have inclement weather we are more likely to have dirt roads that are washed out than the pave roads. There are many other reasons including but not limited to the following are our students that have asthma riding busses on dusty roads, stress on our busses from the chug holes caused by inclement weather, etc. I understand the issue will be on the Sept 28 commissioner's court agenda for a vote. I know that Melissa ISD is not the only school system in the county with these concerns. We are very fortunate in Collin County to have a commissioner's court that has done a fantastic job providing high quality county roads to our citizens. For that I am truly appreciative. Please do not place a cap on your success. Complete the paving of 100% of our county roads as soon as possible. It is a safety and health issue to the thousands of Collin County students that are riding busses every day.

Thanks for your time,
Jason Smith
Superintendent of Schools
Melissa ISD

Nicole Gillespie

From: Clinton L Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 12:42 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: County Road Upgrades Sept. 28 Agenda

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It is my experience that today we live in a buyers market when it comes to purchasing materials for infrastructure. At present our concern is active toward the completion of a four year old CIP that was designed to take us ten years down the road. However, the favorable markets for pipe, plumbing fixtures and contractors; have put us in a position to save our constituents a great deal of money by accelerating our construction schedule. By investing in today's economy, we can all experience a future of greater flexibility because of saved revenues.

I urge you to hedge against the likely inflation in the near future by acting now in road improvements and repairs.

Sincerely,
Clinton L. Davis
Vice President of the Board of Directors
Wylie NE SUD

Nicole Gillespie

From: Stan Mercer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 9:29 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Upgrade county rural county roads to asphalt

Sirs,
Please continue upgrading Collin County rural roads from a gravel surface to asphalt at the fastest possible speed
Thanks
Stan Mercer
[REDACTED]
Melissa, Texas

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Nicole Gillespie

From: Jackie Lowrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 6:09 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: collin county roads

Please continue to upgrade our asphalt roads to concrete.

Victorian S. Lowrey

Nicole Gillespie

From: Lee Gibson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 7:32 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Upgrading our County Roads

Collin County Commissioners,

In 2004, the Collin County Commissioners Court adopted a road asphaltting policy to upgrade 50 miles of road from rock to asphalt annually. For those of us who drive the Collin County unpaved/gravel roads this program has certainly improve our quality of life and reduced the wear and tear on our vehicles.

Commissioner Jaynes has informed rural citizens the The County Judge desires to freeze miles to not exceed 50 miles of roads to be asphalted in a year.

Needless to say The Judge does not travel Collin County unpaved roads on a regular basis. Otherwise, he would support doing as much as possible as quickly as possible.

For those Commissioners who live in an urban environment, as most if not all of you do, please take a long drive on Collin County unpaved roads before you vote on this issue. Moreover, please make it a point to take The Judge with you on this bumpy, muddy/dusty, rough trip.

Commissioner Jaynes has stated that it will save Collin County \$9 million annually. Now that would seem to be a no brainer issue. Come on guys get some mud on those spiffy SUV!!!

Here's hoping,
Claud L. Gibson
Melissa, TX

Nicole Gillespie

From: Joe Jaynes
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 4:56 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: Fwd: Upgrading our County Roads--Please Forward

Thanks,

Joe

Begin forwarded message:

From: Philip Anthony <[REDACTED]>
Date: September 22, 2009 12:01:29 PM CDT
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], "Joe Jaynes"
[REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FW: Upgrading our County Roads--Please Forward

Collin County Commissioners,

I urge you to support the current practice of paving additional county dirt roads. Princeton ISD encompasses a large rural area with a good number of dirt roads. Improving these roads will greatly assist our transportation department as well as spur additional development.

Philip Anthony,
Superintendent
Princeton ISD

Nicole Gillespie

From: Devon Pitts [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 6:53 PM
To: Nicole Gillespie
Subject: in support of the continued upgrading of our county roads.

To whom it may concern,

Please do not cap the amount of miles you can upgrade. It hinders everyone if you decide to do this. I am IN support of NOT capping the upgrades.

we should continue to upgrade our county roads as efficiently as possible and don't need a cap on how many miles we can upgrade every year. Again I am IN support of the continued upgrading of our county roads.

Once all county roads are upgraded we can then save taxpayers almost \$9 million annually in upgrade costs and have a very much improved quality of life for our rural citizens.

Devon Hartley
[REDACTED]

~Devon Hartley~

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