

January 5, 2023

Commissioner Doug Hughes
Tyler County Commissioner Pct.2

Commissioner Hughes,

We own a piece of property on CR-2790 in your precinct. I've attached a map to better illustrate the location of my property and to better explain my current circumstance and my humble request of Commissioner's Court.

As you're aware, the CR-2790 roadway easement runs approximately 2.5 miles from FM-1632 to CR-2780. As you also know, the county abandoned maintenance, years ago, on approximately 1 mile of CR-2790 from the old Cruse Homestead all the way to the terminus at CR-2780 as there are no other properties that are accessed off of FM-2790 past the old Cruse Homestead and my understanding is that maintenance of that area had been problematic.

My wife and I recently bought the Old Cruse place, which is on the North side of the CR-2790 easement as well as the Anthony Place, which is on the South side of the CR-2790 easement. My property is the last property accessible by CR-2790 and the maintenance ends at our house, which is roughly 500yds into my property from the West. The road from the East, beginning at CR-2780, is completely impassable due to years of abandoned maintenance.

This public easement is accessible to anyone, even those that have no business at the end of a dead-end county road. I've had several issues with trespassers, poachers, and tons of folks whose GPS shows the road is still passable all the way through.

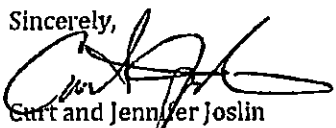
I would like to petition you and your fellow Commissioners to consider releasing the easement of CR-2790, from the unnamed creek (my property line) just East of the Old Pine Grove Cemetery to CR-2780, back to the landowners. This is approximately 1.2 miles and maintenance has already been abandoned on approximately a mile of it. This would allow me to fence my whole property line, combine my two parcels, limit trespassing and poaching and better control who is on my property and even in my house.

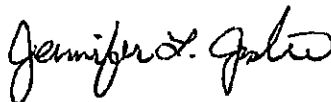
In return, the county would have approximately 500 yards less road to maintain in addition to the mile already abandoned. I would also build a large enough turn-around at my property line to accommodate your trucks and maintainers, using like materials and maintained to county specifications. I'd also agree to pay for new signage on CR-2790 at FM-1632, alerting the public that it's a dead-end road and has no thru traffic. Of course access would be provided for power and phone company, whose easements would remain.

I'm familiar with the process of counties giving back easements, making public roadways private again, and I know it is a process. I also know that it's commonly done when it makes sense. I hope you and your fellow commissioners would agree that in this case it makes sense. Not only will it not cost the county to do so, but will save years of dollars in maintenance on the roadway in question that literally benefits nobody but me. There are no other landowners that access property past where I've requested and literally nobody would be adversely affected by this action.

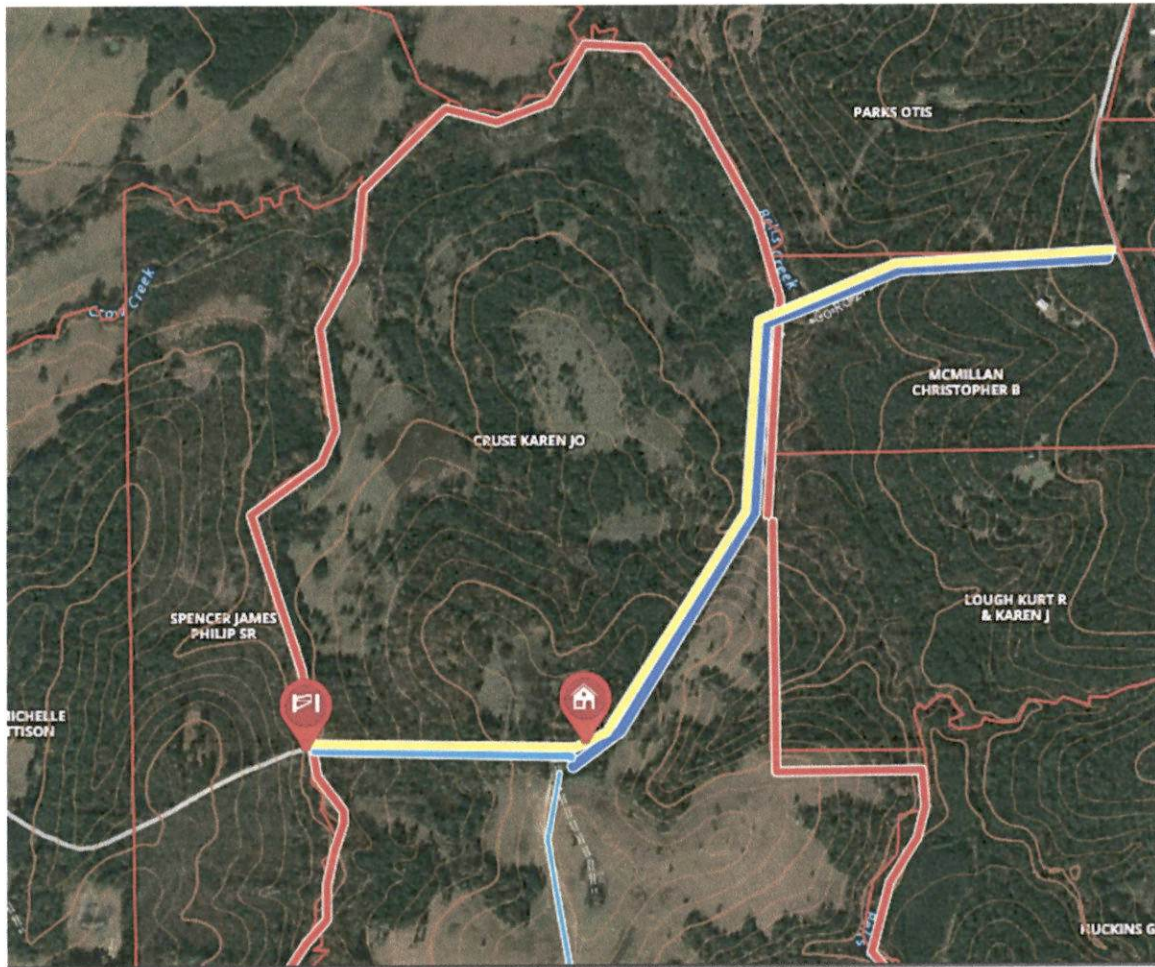
Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,


Curt and Jennifer Joslin
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Joslin Property Line Maps



Joslin Property Line and Fenceline

Currently Abandoned County Maintenance

Currently Maintained Easement within Joslin property

Proposed Release of Easement



Proposed Gate and Joslin Built Turn-around



Farmhouse

