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Steps needed to close a County Road

If a citizen or group of citizens wish for the County to abandon a section of the County Road system and close that road to public access the following steps must be taken:

1. The Citizen or group of citizens must request in writing that the road be closed.
2. They must identify the road by name and indicate whether they wish to close the entire road or a portion of the road.
3. It is not required but recommended that they consult with all property owners along both sides of the road section.
4. This request must be in the office of the County Manager no later than ten working days before the next Regular Meeting date of the Commissioners.

Once the request is made in writing, the County Manager will request an impact statement from the Toombs County Board of Education Bus Route Coordinator, the Toombs County Road Department Supervisor, the ambulance director and the Code Enforcement officer. That impact information will be shared with the Board of Commissioners who will then address the request at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Board.

Once a motion has been made and seconded the Commissioners will debate and decide the question only as to the use and public purpose. This motion does not abandon or close the road. If the determination is made and certified in the minutes that the road is not used to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it then the remainder of the process will begin including:

1. Notice to all landowners adjacent to the road
2. Placement of signs on the effected roadway notifying the public of the potential closing
3. Advertisement for two weeks in legal organ
4. Public Hearing
5. Final vote and declaration that the Road shall be abandoned

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