



## RESOLUTION

Of the Polk County Commissioners Court

### Authorizing Commissioners to Place Road Signs on Private Roadways

WHEREAS, the County of Polk is given the responsibility/authority in Chapter 771, Health and Safety Code to provide 9-1-1 services and assign addresses; and

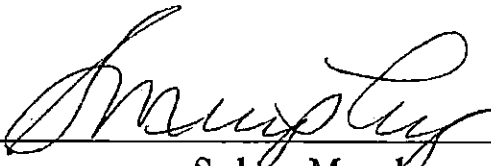
WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Program assigns addresses to property on all public and private roadways to assist emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, roads that are not maintained by the County might not have visible street signs posted at all intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Polk County to provide assistance to emergency first responders in locating all public and private roadways.

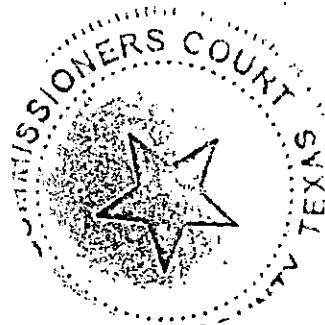
NOW, THEREFORE, the County of Polk does hereby authorize the Road & Bridge Commissioners, at their discretion, to place road signs on private roadways within their Precincts to protect the public safety and provide assistance to emergency responders.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

  
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Sydney Murphy  
County Judge, Polk County, Texas

Attest:

  
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Schelana Hock, County Clerk



## Road signs on Private Roads

From: smurphy@co.polk.tx.us

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All — Just an FYI, from Jim Allison on Commissioners Court list serve. Thanks — S

### **ATTENTION COMMISSIONERS COURT MEMBERS:**

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Commissioners: The 911 program assigns addresses to property on private roads to assist emergency responders. Since Article III, Section 52, Texas Constitution requires a public purpose for all county expenditures, it is recommended that the commissioners court adopt a written policy on the public benefit of road signs on private roads before installing them. There is no special requirement, and a simple resolution or motion to authorize the placement of road signs on private roads to protect the public safety and provide assistance to emergency responders is sufficient. However, it is also recommended that the county obtain approval from the person or entity that controls the property where the sign will be placed. This may be TXDOT where the private road intersects with a state highway or a homeowners association or a private individual. A simple written request for placement of the sign will be sufficient. Finally, since this is a discretionary service, the county may require a donation to partially or fully reimburse for the cost by including this provision in the county policy. However, this may defeat the intended purpose of assisting emergency responders if the property owner does not participate. Jim Allison