

SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Members of the Court Present:

Charles Watson	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Fayne Warner	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Also present are Ranger Eddie Taylor and Don Eddings with the U. S. Forest Service.

Judge Watson called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Off Road Vehicle Trail Proposed by U. S. Forest Service

A slide presentation was given by a representative of the Forest Service.

Ranger Taylor said there are five (5) areas that are possible sites but the Red Hill Lake area has received more positive community support. He said this is a family oriented project. If the project is approved, it would be still be 2 to 3 years before completed. He said there are no plans for mud bogging or 4-wheel drive vehicles on this trail.

Viron Barbay said he owns property north of the Red Hill Lake area and his concern is the property value going down. He is opposed to the project.

Jerry Cowgill said the Chamber of Commerce is in favor of the Trail. He said different people like different things. Some people like to fish while others like to ride ATVs, dirt bikes and motorcycles. There are no OHV riding areas anywhere close to us. He is in favor of the Trail.

Ranger Taylor said that when the Forest Service adopted the Transportation Rule, it eliminated all riding of ATV's or motorcycles on both the Sabine and Angelina National Forest areas. He said the Forest Service agreed to look into finding areas that might be developed into riding trails. Unless a person had private land to ride on, they would have to travel

out of County, possible out of State, to find places to ride. He said these are not people wanting to race. These are families just wanting to ride for fun.

Susan Cowgill asked if anyone knew the economic impact of the trail shown on the slide outside of Gilmer, Texas.

Phil Yocom said the economic study showed it had a 1.7 million dollar impact on the community.

Felix Holmes said he believes the Trail would be good for Sabine County.

Court adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

Keith Clark KEITH CLARK

Jimmy McDaniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Janice McDaniel JANICE MCDANIEL

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Sign-In Sheet

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Gene GRAHAM	✓	
SUSAN COWGILL	✓	
Jerry Cowgill	✓	
Eddie Taylor		
Phil Hornung	✓	
Don L. Edinger	✓	
Stephanie Corley	✓	
VICAR BARBARA		✓

The State of Texas
County of Sabine
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED AND
DULY RECORDED IN THE COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES OF SABINE
COUNTY, TEXAS



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JANICE Mc DANIEL COUNTY CLERK
BY Pam Launders
Deputy

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