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To: Bryan Covinsky, Jackson County Counselor  
From: Brian Gaddie, PE, Director of Public Works  
Date: November 13, 2023  
RE: 31710 E. Colbern Road – Right of Way

The Public Works Department is amenable to releasing the Colbern Road curved right-of-way east of Buckner Tarsney Road to private ownership.

Currently, the east and west legs of the Buckner Tarsney Road / Colbern Road intersection are offset by approximately 300-feet. We believed at the time of purchase, in October of 1999, that the corridor needed to be preserved for a future road re-alignment to create a standard 4-way intersection and eliminate the offset.

Construction plans were recently completed for the realignment of Colbern Road which included new pavement, curb and gutter, and an underground drainage system. During the preliminary design phase, it was discovered that CEG Manufacturing had built their new building at what would be the low point of the new roadway. This brought two items of concern. One, if the proposed storm system inlets along the roadway became plugged with debris, the natural overflow would route the water toward the building. Two, the proposed storm sewer system would have to be routed up hill and around the building to the west to achieve a minimal positive drainage. This required a permanent drainage easement from CEG Manufacturing.

Attached is a sketch and description of the existing Colbern Road right-of-way owned by the County. (1.80 Acres, paid \$18,000 for in 1999) We believe this right-of-way will need to be declared surplus and be sold by purchasing per the County Code.

It should be noted that there are utilities that have installed facilities within this right-of-way. Whomever becomes the owner of the property will have to accept these existing conditions with the utility having some kind of rights within this area to maintain their facilities.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns you want to discuss.

Professionally,

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*Frank White, Jr., County Executive*