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## MEMO

- TO: Mahesh Sharma County Administrator
- FROM: Angie Kersten, P.E. County Engineer

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Proposed Vacation and Sale of a Parcel of Road Right-of-Way

DATE: February 21, 2022

On February 17, 2022, a resolution was passed to hold a public hearing on March 3, 2022, regarding vacating and selling a parcel of road right-of-way. The parcel of road right-of-way is described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 80 North, Range 4 East of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Scott County, Iowa, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Center of said Section 7; thence north 87 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds east along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 7, 573.52 feet; thence north 02 degrees 02 minutes 46 seconds west and perpendicular to said South line, 414.32 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence north 04 degrees 27 minutes 22 seconds east along the Westerly right-of-way line of Scott Park Road, 174.85 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 1 of Shannon Subdivision; thence north 87 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds east, 55.35 feet; thence south 01 degree 08 minutes 47 seconds west, 174.70 feet; thence south 87 degrees 57 minutes 14 seconds west along the existing Scott Park Road right-of-way line, 65.42 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.24 acres or 10,500 square feet more or less, and subject to easements, reservations, restrictions, and right-of-way record and not of record.

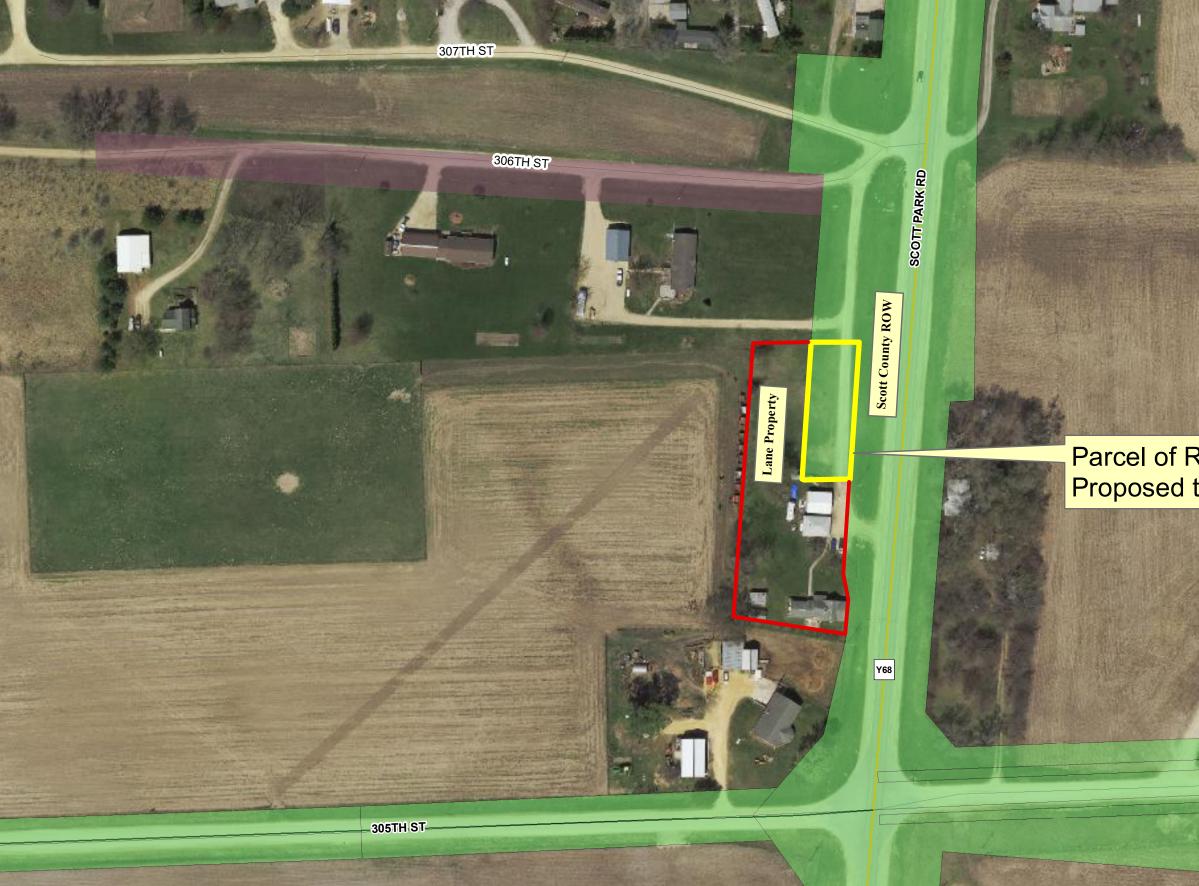
Our department was contacted by Scott County residents, Mark and Melissa Lane, to vacate and sell this parcel of road right-of-way. The Lane's own the land adjacent to the parcel of road right-of-way. The above described land is a portion of a frontage road that parallels Scott Park Road on the west side, south of 307<sup>th</sup> Street. The public can access the frontage road from the intersection of 307<sup>th</sup> Street and Scott Park Road. However, the frontage road dead ends at Lane's property line. Although the road right-of-way dead ends at their north property line, the road continues south onto their property and outlets onto Scott Park Road through their driveway entrance. Occasionally, the traveling public uses this frontage road to make U-turns back onto Scott Park Road. This creates a hardship for the Lane's. This frontage road is of no benefit to the traveling public, because it dead ends at Lane's property line and it has no turn-around area.



Our department has performed minimal maintenance of this frontage road since it was transferred to our department by the Iowa Department of Transportation in 2002.

After meeting with the Lanes, discussing their request, and researching road records, our department determined it would be a mutual benefit to move forward with the vacation and sale of this parcel. We contracted with a registered land surveyor to perform road record research and prepare a plat of survey. We determined that the county owns the land by fee title. We followed Iowa Code regarding notice and preference of sale. In accordance with this law, our department notified all adjacent land owners of our intent to sell the vacated parcel of county road right-of-way, that the land had been appraised at a value of \$8,400.00, and that we will accept offers for a sixty day time period. We received an offer from the only adjacent land owner, Mark and Melissa Lane, for \$8,400.

Proper notice of the public hearing, in accordance with Iowa Code, has been completed. The public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, during the Scott County Board of Supervisors meeting. I am not requesting any action by the Board at this public hearing. Further action will be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting. Included with this memo is a location map.



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## Parcel of Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Proposed to be Vacated and Sold

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