

THURSTON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REPORT

HEARING EXAMINER HEARING

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

PROJECT NO: 2024100219 – Road Vacation

APPLICANT: Thurston County Public Works

REQUEST: County is requesting that their interest in this road right-of-way be vacated.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Applicant: Thurston County Public Works
9605 Tilley Rd Olympia WA, 98501
- B. Location: 14910 Case Road SW Rochester WA, 98579
- C. Petitioned Legal Description: That upopened right-of-way of 150th Ave SW, located in Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 2 West, W.M., between Case Rd SW and Interstate 6 right-of-way adjacent to parcel number 12618440000 and 12618400300.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

Thurston County has requested vacation of this unopened County right-of-way.

BACKGROUND

The County obtained this right-of-way via Waiver dated May 5, 1913.

NOTIFICATION

Notice of Public Hearing was published in The Olympian on April 23 and April 30, 2024, and the notice was posted in the vicinity of the requested vacation on April 16, 2024, being at least 20 days prior to the hearing per RCW 36.87.050. The adjacent property owners were mailed letters on April 16, 2024.

CRITERIA

1. Is the road now or had the road previously been, in use?
This right-of-way has never been open or used for public travel.
2. What is the condition of the road?
This right-of-way is currently undeveloped.
3. Is it advisable to preserve the road as a county road?
It is not advisable to maintain this right-of-way for public travel.
4. Will the public be benefited?
The public will be benefited by this vacation in that the County will be relieved of liability for this area and it will return to tax rolls.
5. Are there any other facts or matters of importance to the Board?
This right-of-way has become a hot spot illegal for dumping and the County does not have the resources to consistently police this area. The property owners can better maintain and control and requested they are able to put up a gate.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Thurston County Public Works recommends that the vacation request of Thurston County Public Works be APPROVED.



Matt Unzelman P.E.
County Engineer

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1 Public Works Staff Report including the following attachments:

Attachment a Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment b Copy of Application

Attachment c Vicinity Map

Attachment d Waiver