

Outline for Holder Road Hearing

- I. Introduction and General Matters
 - a. Call to Order and Open Meeting as with all County Commission Meetings
- II. Explain What We Are Here to Do and the Process
 - a. We are here to consider a Petition filed to vacate a portion of Holder Road under Missouri Revised Statute 228.110. That statute places the burden on the Petitioners to show that the portion of road they seek to vacate is “useless, and the repairing of the same an unreasonable burden upon the [County].” Whether a public road is “useless” is determined by whether it is of public utility... and our Supreme Court has indicated that a finding of the ground for vacation required under Section 228.110(1) is, in effect, a finding of no public utility.
 - b. The Commission received a Petition on _____ date.
 - c. The Petition was publicly read by the Commission on _____ date.
 - d. The Commission received a Remonstrance to the Petition on _____ date.
 - e. The Remonstrance was publicly read by the Commission on _____ date.
 - f. Pursuant to RSMo. 228.110.2, notice of the filing of the petition and of the road sought to be vacated was posted in not less than three public places in Christian County, and in the township where the road is located, at least twenty days before the first day of this term of the

commission, and a copy of the same was personally served on all the persons residing in the district whose lands are crossed or touched by the road proposed to be vacated in the same manner as other notices are required to be served by law.

- III. Because it is not feasible to hear testimony from each of the individuals who have signed the documents at issue, and any other members of the public who wish to provide comment on the issues before the Commission, we have previously provided notice that individuals should submit comments and evidence to the Commission ahead of time. The Commission will consider that evidence as Commission Exhibit 1 and the same will be considered as part of the record.
- IV. The Petitioners will be given 60 minutes to present any evidence and testimony they seek to admit on the issues.
- V. The Remonstrators will be given 60 minutes to present any evidence and testimony they seek to admit on the issues.
- VI. There will be no cross-examination of witnesses.
- VII. The Commission has set aside 60 minutes to call witnesses and ask any questions each of the Commissioners may have.
- VIII. After the evidence is presented and the record is closed, I will entertain a motion to either approve or deny the Petition.

Christian County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brad Cole

Holder Road is a main access point for emergency units responding to calls for service on Holder Road and residents north of Holder Road including but not limited to, State highway ZZ, Maples Ln, Hard Rock Lane, Wilson Road, Terrell Stone Road, Black Stone Drive, Double Spring Road, County Line Rd and Liberty Hills.

Christian County is broken down into 4 zones for patrol purposes, with Holder Road being in zone 1. All other zones, the Sheriff's Office, Nixa fire stations and ambulance districts are east of zone 1. Meaning most emergency units or backup units would be responding to emergency situations traveling westbound State Highway 14 east of Holder Road.

Restricting access to Holder Road and eliminating the thru traffic would extend emergency response times for most calls for service in the immediate area. As of now, residents on Holder Road north of Kerr Road would get a Deputy response from State Highway 14 in approximately 3 minutes. If access is cut off near Kerr Road a Deputy response time would increase to approximately 11 minutes. **See photos 1 and 2**

Deputies also use Holder Road to respond to residents north of Holder Road. For example, the current response time for a Deputy responding to calls on Terrell Valley near Liberty or Gardenia Ln. from state Highway 14, is approximately 11 minutes. Response times will increase to approximately 18 minutes. **See photos 3 and 4**

Additional Concerns:

- Emergency services, school buses and utility services responding to the area would have additional problems turning around on Holder Road because of the dead- end.
- Crashes, road washouts or utility work on the Holder Road would block residents without a second exit / access point. This would cause major delays to residents on Holder Road, especially in emergencies.

- Creating a dead-end road has the potential to generate concerns of theft or burglaries in the area. Thru-traffic and frequent (patrols) movement is the key to deterring criminal activity.

Calls for Service Stats:

Call for service stats on Holder Rd. and north of Holder Rd near State Highway ZZ are as follows:

2024: Christian County Sheriff's Office responded to 48 calls

2025: Christian County Sheriff's Office as of 6/30/2025 have responded to 29 calls

Some of the calls have consisted of the following:

11 - 911 abandoned calls

2 - fires (1 house and 1 field)

9 - alarms (panic or home)

1 - agency assist medical emergency (1 year old not breathing)

5 - domestic Violence

1 - Assault

3 - harassment / threats

3- Motor vehicle crashes

In addition, Christian County Deputies have completed several extra patrols, and traffic stops in the area to help improve safety for the area. From January 2024 to current Christian County Sheriff's Office had completed 94 Extra Patrols and 81 traffic stops on Holder Road and the immediate area.

Photo 1:

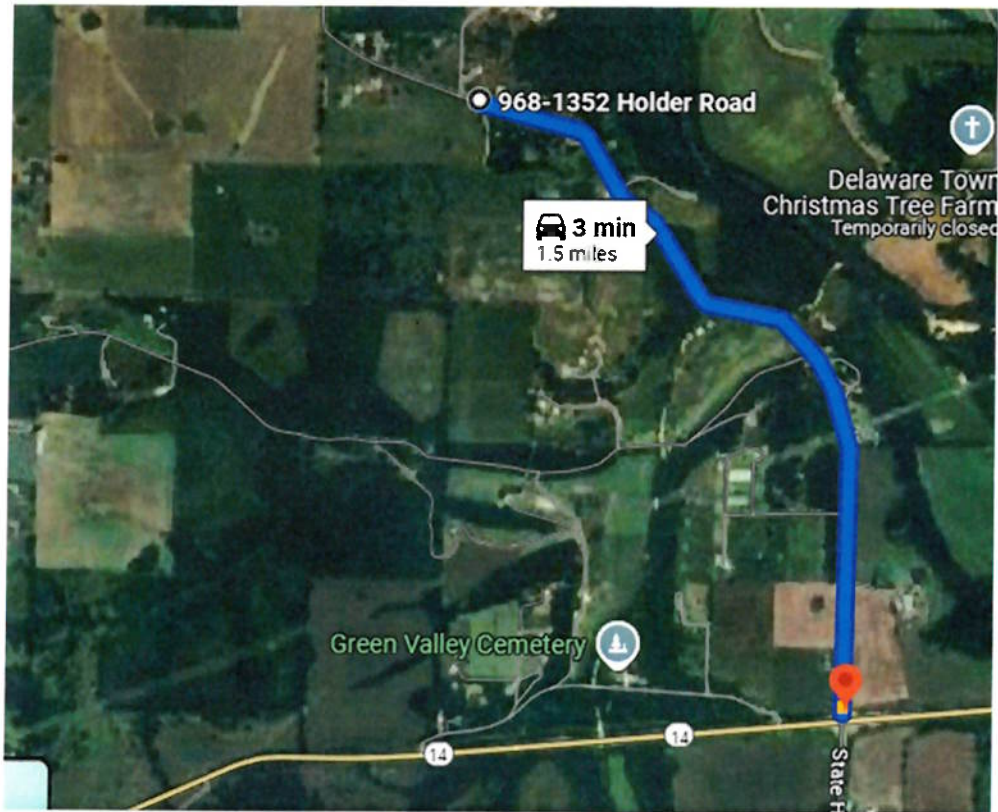


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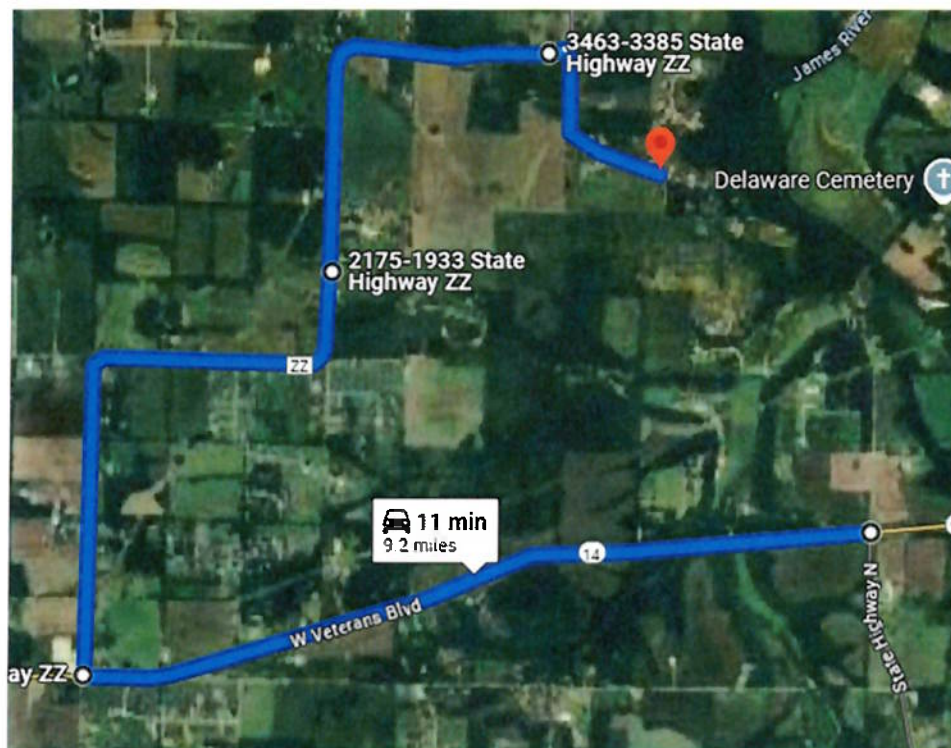


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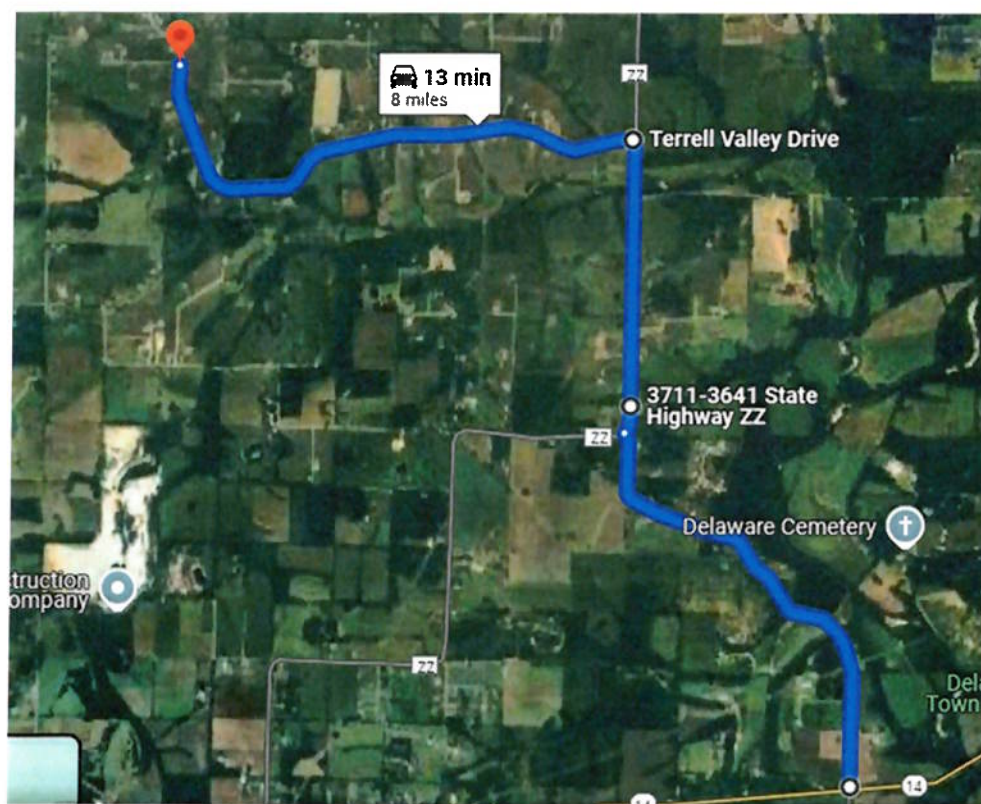
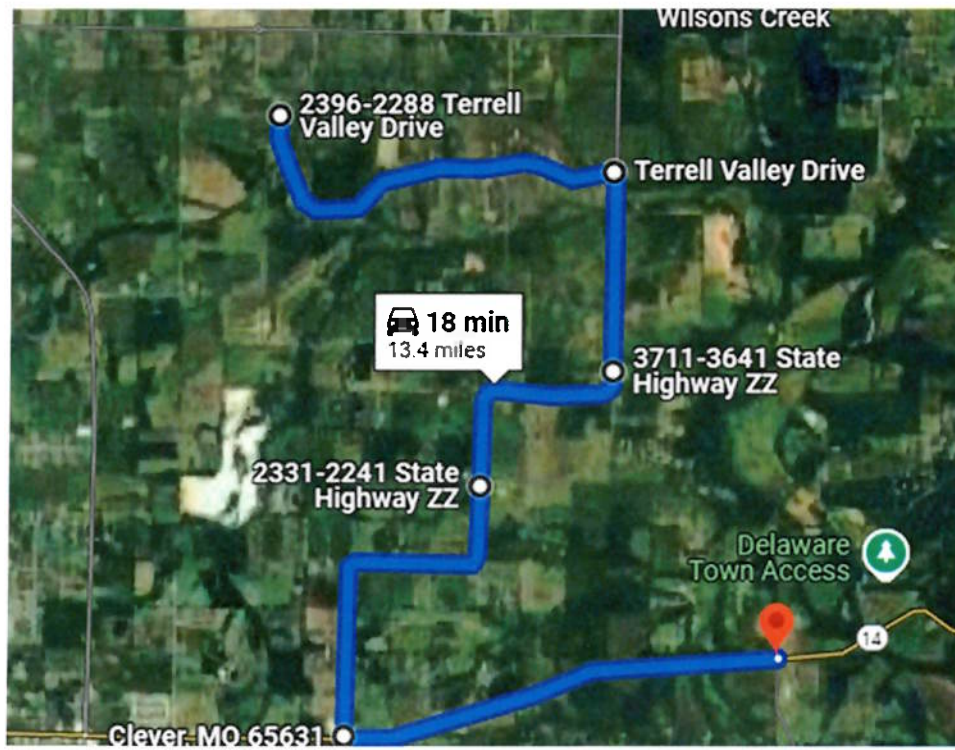


Photo 4:



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- **Please keep all phones/devices on silent (refrain from use)**
 - **Disruptive behavior such as shouting, interrupting, making loud noises, threats or violence are strictly prohibited**
 - **Do not speak out of turn unless called upon by a Commissioner**
 - **You may not approach the Commission during the meeting without consent**
 - **Public Comments and Questions must relate to posted agenda items only**
 - **No comments or discussion will be allowed on matters that fall under the Missouri Sunshine Law for closed sessions**
 - **If you wish to speak, you must sign up prior to the meeting and provide your name, address and the agenda item you wish to discuss**
 - **Speakers must address all comments and questions to the Commission and no other attendees**
 - **You may have 3 minutes to speak per agenda item**
 - **Speakers with handouts must provide them to the secretary or via electronic means prior to the meeting**
 - **Refrain from use of inappropriate, offensive or vulgar language**
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Willful or repeated violations of health, safety, or order may result in immediate removal from the meeting and building.