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TO: Chair, Opinion Committee Office of the Attorney General

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RE: Can a Public County Road that is not a through street Be closed by a majority vote of the Commissioners Court?

This office has been informed by the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney and the Uvalde County Attorney to seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding the above-referenced question.

The question is whether a public county road that is only a cul-de-sac and not a through street may be closed by a majority vote of the Commissioners Court or does it take a unanimous vote as indicated in article 251.051 of the Transportation Code.

According to subchapter B article 251.051 of the Transportation Code, a unanimous vote of the court is required to close, abandon, or vacate a public road. This road is not a through street and leads only to the property owners' land. All of the property owners inside the cul-de-sac have petitioned for the closure.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Alice L. Chapman

cc: County Attorney District Attorney County Judge