

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** County Maintained Road Naming Policy

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Discussion

Work Session (Report Only)

**DATE OF MEETING:** 3/16/2010

Regular Meeting

Special Meeting

**CONTRACT:**  N/A

Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Division / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Planning

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual

**FUNDING SOURCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Capital

**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

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**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

The following provides a brief overview of applicable State and local regulations related to road naming:

Florida Statutes, Section 336.05, authorizes the Board to name and rename roads under their maintenance jurisdiction and to have final approval of road names as part of new subdivision plats.

Sumter County Land Development Code Subdivision Regulations provide that road names in new subdivisions can not be duplicative of existing road names in the unincorporated area of the county.

Sumter County Public Works Road Policies provide that all roads within new subdivisions shall be named or numbered consistent with the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations.

None of the applicable regulations or policies mandate that County maintained roads be given a road name with a "C" or "CR" designation (i.e. C-466 or CR 101).

The historic County practice of naming County maintained roads was to assign the road a name with a "C" or "CR" designation (i.e. C-466 or CR 101). A primary benefit of the historic practice was the ease in identifying those road segments that are the maintenance responsibility of the County.

However, many roadways within The Villages are County maintained and do not carry a "C" or "CR" designation. In addition, the adoption in 2009 of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements with the cities of Center Hill, Webster, and Wildwood provided for the transition of some "CR" County maintained road segments to the cities on October 1, 2009. These roads that transitioned to city jurisdiction have retained their original "CR" road name. As a result of these two issues, the reliance of a road name with a "C" or "CR" designation can no longer be the primary source to determine County maintenance jurisdiction.

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**The Sumter County Geographic Information System (GIS), in coordination with Public Works, maintains a road database that identifies road segments that are County maintained.**

**Notwithstanding the requirement of the Board to approve road names within its jurisdiction, road names within developments, which may or may not be maintained by the County, are often critical components of developing community identity and cohesiveness within the development. A strict County imposed requirement that roads must be named in a certain manner could limit the effectiveness of the road names supporting community identity and cohesiveness. The Villages road names are a good example of how road names are able to promote community identity and cohesiveness.**

**The Board previously approved a policy related to the “honorary” naming of a County maintained road. The “honorary” named road still maintains the official County “C” or “CR” designation.**

**If the Board directs staff to prepare an amendment for future consideration to the Code of Ordinances to require the use of “C” or “CR” for County maintained roads, the following language is proposed:**

**Revise Sumter County Code of Ordinances – Article IV Acceptance and Maintenance of Roads and Streets – Section 20-82(a): All roads accepted by the Board for County maintenance shall be named as a “C” or “CR” road number, unless otherwise approved by the Board.**

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