

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: County Road Naming Policy (Staff Recommends Approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve Road Naming Policy

Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 4/13/2010
 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

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

In response to the Board's direction at the March 23, 2010, meeting, staff prepared a series of charts:

- Chart 1 - Road Naming Process for New Developments/New Roads
- Chart 2 - Road Renaming Standards for Existing Roads
- Chart 3 - Process for Renaming Roads

Chart 1 illustrates the procedure to create road names for new roads. The road names may be either assigned directly by the County or may be proposed by the developer. If the road name is proposed by a developer, then the road name must be reviewed by staff to assure no duplication and then approved by the Board.

Chart 2 illustrates the application of proposed standards for the renaming of existing county maintained roads. For an existing county maintained road to be renamed, staff proposes that the following three standards must be met:

1. The road is 4 lanes or larger; and
2. The road is classified or eligible to be reclassified as a collector or arterial road; and
3. The road is designated or eligible to be designated as a Regionally Significant or Emerging Regionally Significant Road by the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

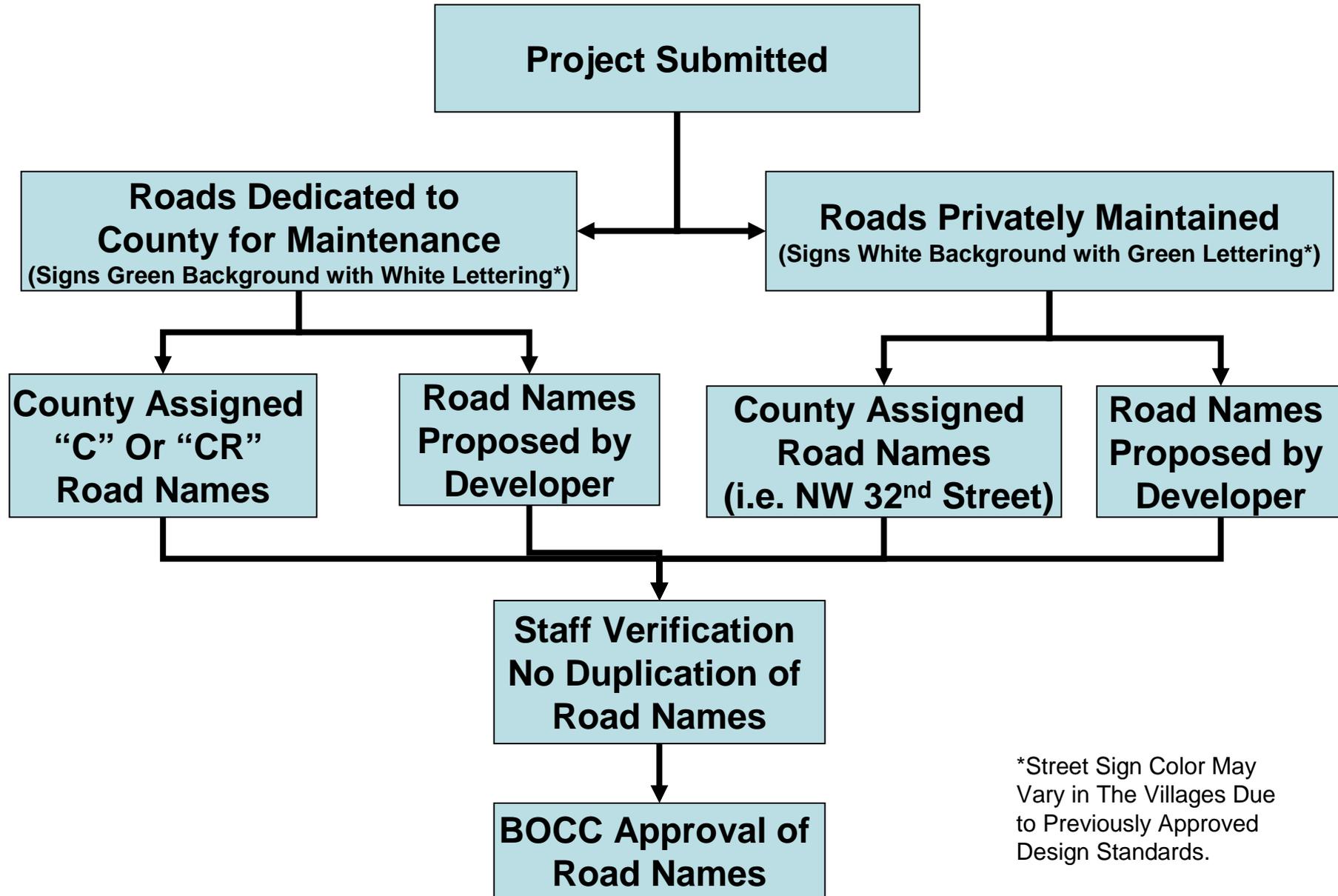
These conditions limit the renaming of county maintained roads to major roads.

The Board's current "honorary" road naming policy is not altered by these proposed standards. These standards are for "official" road renaming.

Chart 3 illustrates the general procedure for renaming a county road. This procedure is based on the review of Florida Statutes and the Sumter County Code by the County Attorney. See the attached memorandum from the County Attorney.

Staff requests the Board approve the procedures and standards provided in the attached charts and described in this Executive Summary for the naming of new roads and the renaming of existing county roads.

Chart 1 Road Naming Process for New Developments/New Roads



*Street Sign Color May Vary in The Villages Due to Previously Approved Design Standards.

Chart 2 Road Renaming Standards for Existing Roads

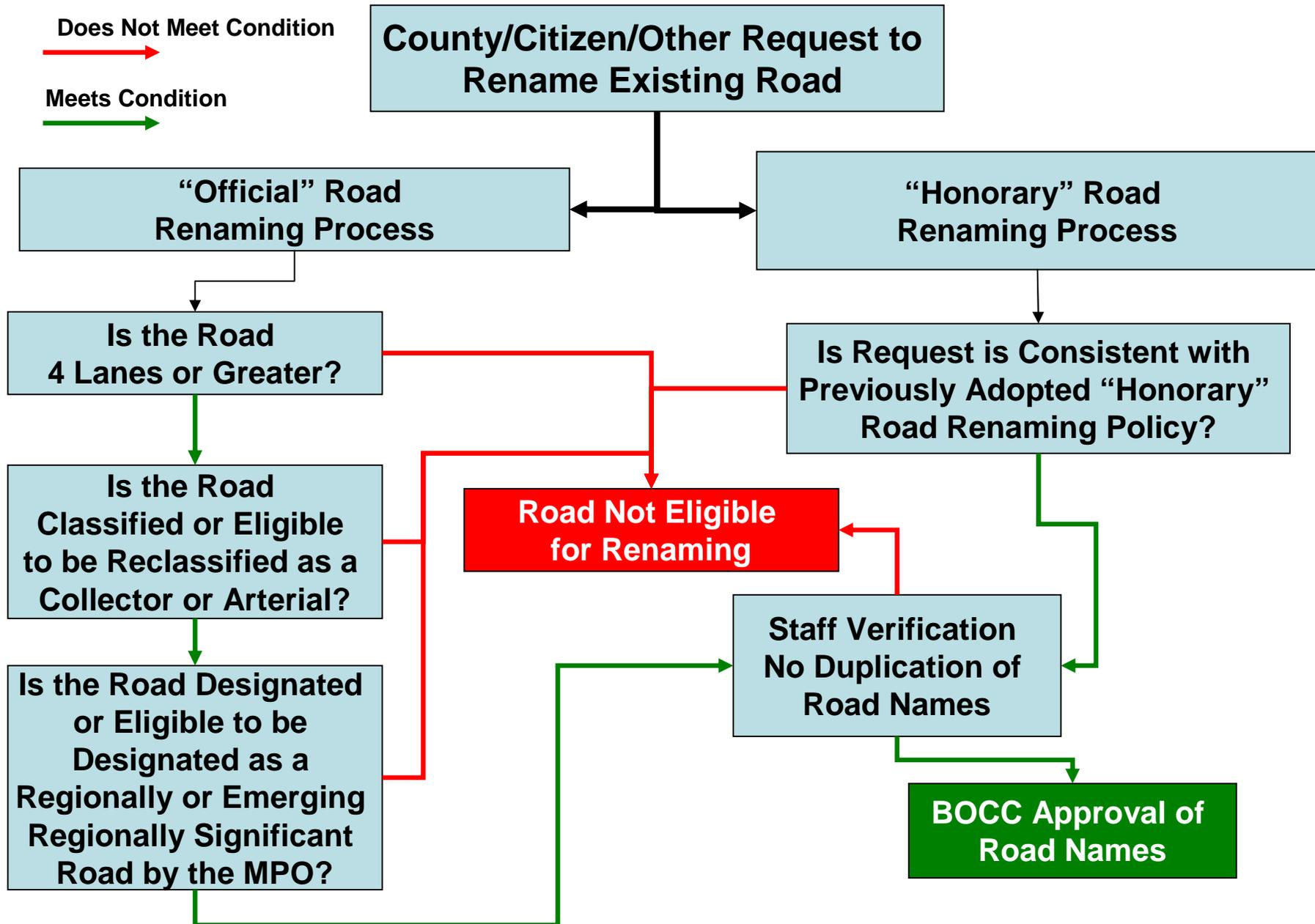
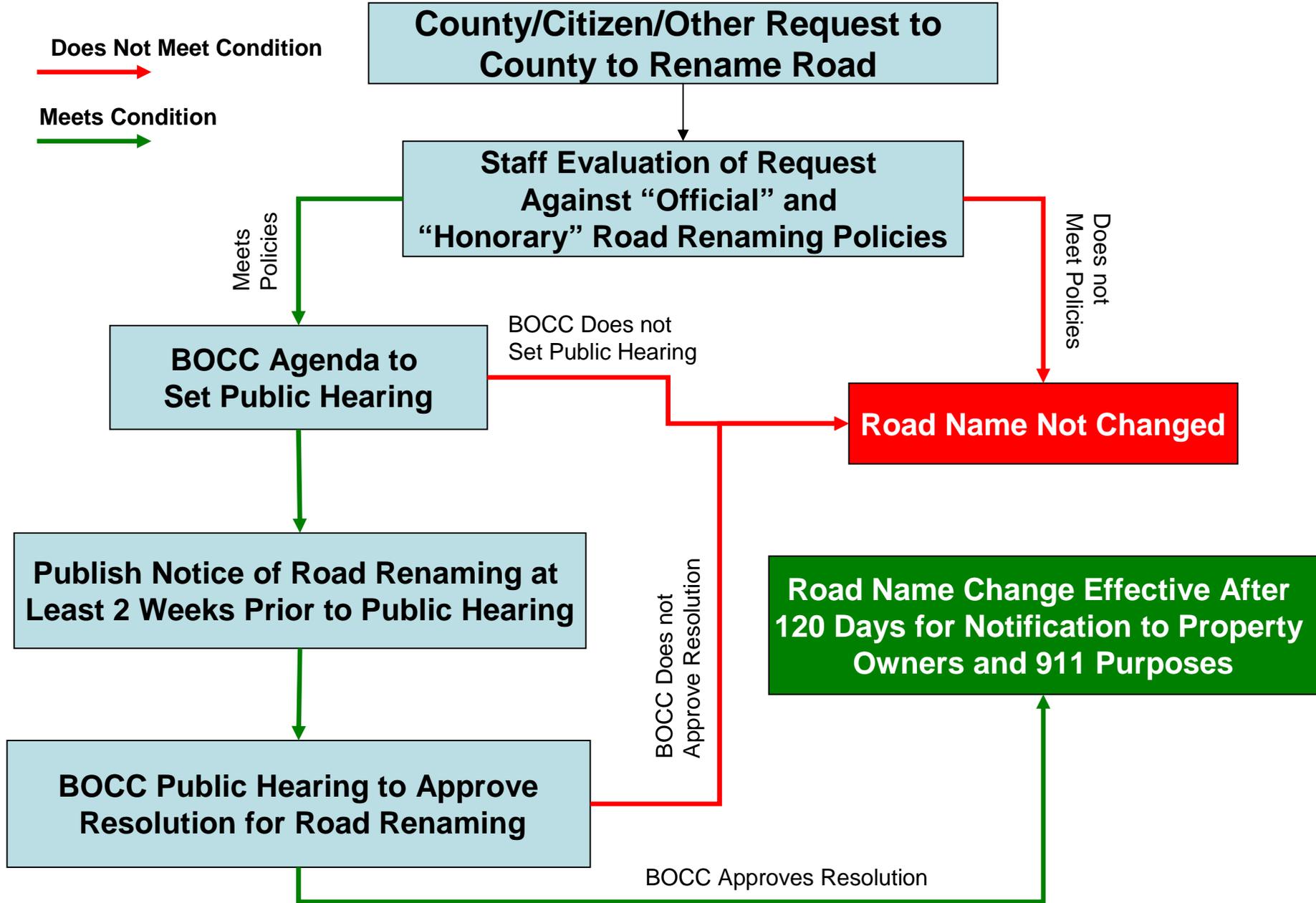


Chart 3

Process for Renaming Roads



MEMORANDUM

To: Bradley Arnold
Sumter County Administrator

From: The Hogan Law Firm, LLC

Date: February 22, 2010

Re: Renaming of County Road and Effect on E911 Services

You asked us to research the Florida county road renaming process and its effect on Emergency 911 ("E911") address redesignation, as well as any public hearing requirements related to road renaming and address redesignation.

The statute governing the renaming of County Roads is Section 336.05, Florida Statutes, which states:

(1) The commissioners are authorized to name *and rename* streets and roads, except state roads designated by number by the department, lying outside the boundaries of any incorporated municipality. (*Emphasis supplied*).

(2) The commissioners are authorized to refuse to approve for recording in accordance with chapter 177 any map or plat of a subdivision when recording of such plat would result in duplication of names of streets or roads or when such plat, in the opinion of the commissioners, will not provide adequate and safe access or drainage.

The statute does not discuss a public hearing process for road renaming and the corresponding changing of addresses.

Section 336.08, Florida Statutes is vague but may also be relevant:

Relocation or change of roads.--The commissioners may establish, locate, *change*, or discontinue public county roads by resolution. (*Emphasis supplied*).

On a local level, Section 6-88 of the Sumter County Code addresses initial and modified property addressing.

Building, property addressing established; development of map.
A uniform system of addressing buildings, as shown on the maps identified by the title, "Sumter County Addressing Maps" and filed in the

office of the division and with the municipal official, is hereby adopted for use in the county. These maps and all explanatory matter thereon and related thereto are hereby adopted in their initial form with the understanding that ***the division and the municipal official will be making modifications, changes and deletions to the maps on an as-needed basis.*** (*Emphasis supplied*).

With regard to E911 designations, on February 22, 2010 I spoke with Mr. Wink Infinger of the Florida Department of Management Services. Mr. Infinger is the "Statewide 911 Coordinator" for the State of Florida. Mr. Infinger informed me that there is not statewide, uniform governance system for E911 designation and redesignation, and as long as the system meets the performance standards set forth by statute, the state does not get involved.

I also spoke with Ms. Marie Keenum, Sumter County's 911 Coordinator. Ms. Keenum confirmed Mr. Infinger's interpretation of state policy and we reached consensus on the application of the local code. Ms. Keenum asked for at least 90 days notice of a road name change.

Nothing in the code requires or prohibits a public hearing on road renaming. However, a noticed public hearing followed by a 120 day period to facilitate E911 redesignation if the road renaming is approved by resolution would be consistent with Florida law. The process could partially mimic the road closing procedure found in Section 336.10, Florida Statutes, stated below in pertinent part:

.... the commissioners shall hold a public hearing, and shall publish notice thereof, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation in such county at least 2 weeks prior to the date stated therein for such hearing. After such public hearing, any action of the commissioners, as herein authorized, shall be evidenced by a resolution duly adopted and entered upon the minutes of the commissioners.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.