

April 18, 2008

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FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**SUBJECT: APRIL 22, 2008 MEETING AGENDA ITEM
POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF MCFRY LANE RAILROAD CROSSING**

Gentlemen:

This letter serves as our public participation input to ask your consideration to **NOT** close the railroad crossing on McFry Lane. We have lived on this road since May 1975.

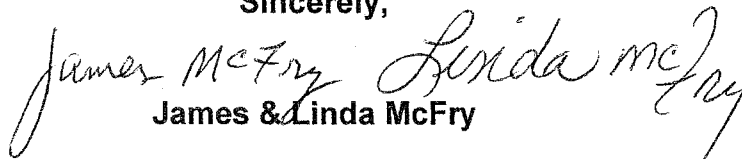
Over these 33 years, there have been many instances where the egress from McFry Lane via Gaines Road was impossible because of the road flooding. The County was not made aware of these flooding situations because we did have the alternate exit via Pinson Road, over the railroad crossing. There were times Public Works did come to put up "road closed" signage at the Gaines Road exit. Once, it was shown on an Atlanta television news station. Our son and his family lived in Lawrenceville at the time, saw it on television, and called to be sure we were okay. Without egress via Pinson Road, over the railroad crossing, we will be marooned here. This will surely be problematic in an emergency health/fire situation.

We and our neighbors use the egress via Pinson Road, over the railroad crossing, 99% of the time for access to Highway 53. Additionally, this route is used by other commuters coming from Gaines Road and Highway 140 to access Highway 53 and subsequent return from Highway 53 to Gaines Road and Highway 140.

We do not know how the decision was arrived to choose the McFry Lane crossing for closure. However, if it were based that it had to be in the Shannon community, it seems to be more feasible to consider the Berwin or Pierce Hill crossings as the small number of houses in these locations do not have a creek to cause flooding problems to prevent egress via another route.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of our request to keep the McFry Lane crossing open.

Sincerely,


James & Linda McFry

c. Kevin Poe, County Manager