

June 16, 2013

To: Sedgwick County Commissioners

Re: Valley Center De-annexation Ranchos Del Rio I & II

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony even though I was unable to attend the meeting on June 5th due to my work schedule. I watched our portion of the meeting online. I want each of you to know I signed the petition to de-annex voluntarily and without coercion.

After more than seven years only 68% of our roads have been chat and sealed. The chat road in front of our home is less than one year old. When it was a dirt road, wash boards over the proximal 1/3 of our cul-de-sac next to West Street were a permanent fixture due to the poor quality of road grading by the city. We also question the technique used when our roads were chip sealed. After hearing Jim Webber state he can not give an accurate estimate of the lifespan of the road because substantially less asphalt was used under the aggregate we understand why. In the high spots we had less than two inches of crushed asphalt laid down. He stated the county uses a minimum of 5 inches for a chip seal process for roads with low traffic conditions. With the dirt road we had a noisy, dusty, uneven road with some drainage problem areas. We still have a noisy, dusty, uneven road, with the only difference being the color of the dust. Due to a poor job using the roller during the chip seal process we have pockets of standing water on the road after a rain which will speed up the deterioration. I see the current road surface as less than we had before.

If the city had presented the home owner association presidents with a plan prior to installing street lights, everyone would have recommended one at the only four way stop in our area. This light would provide additional safety while not being in direct line of sight to our homes.

If the city of Valley Center did create an estimate of providing water service to our homes I would have thought they would have sent it (at minimum) to the presidents of each HOA by certified mail at least once. Then there would be an undisputed record of such receipt. For this reason, I was notified of the June 5th County Commission hearing by certified mail from the Sedgwick County office. This, as you know, is common practice when disputes are in process.

If we were de-annexed, there would not be a change in the response of emergency services in accordance with the service plan. The county and the city have reciprocal agreements in place to respond when services are needed. In my view there would be no change to the health and safety of the residents of Valley Center or to the sub divisions.

Thank you for your attention,



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