

Sedgwick County

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Legislation Text

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Grant of an Access and Water Line Easement on Flood Control Right of Way to Serve Silver Springs 2nd Addition.

Recommended Action: Grant the easement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Silver Springs 2nd Addition is located on the north side of Central immediately west of the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project right of way (approximately a half mile east of Ridge Road). The property does not have direct access to Central because the floodway is located very close to the channel of the Big Slough. Many years ago, the County provided an easement across a portion of the flood control right of way that allowed a driveway connection from the property to Central so that the property could be mined for sand. The property has now been sold to a new owner who is working to develop the site around the sandpit into a multi-family residential use. The site is difficult to develop due to its configuration and proximity to the floodway and the Big Slough. The owners have requested that the County extend the access easement farther north and also provide rights for construction and maintenance of a public water line. This would allow for better development of the site. Public Works staff has met with the owners' engineer and Wichita Flood Control staff to work out the details of the easement.

Alternatives: Reject the easement grant or provide alternative direction to staff.

Financial Considerations: Neither the County or the City of Wichita will incur any costs as a result of the easement grant. The easement will be provided at no cost to the grantor.

Legal Considerations: The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to purchase and hold real property for the use of the county under K.S.A. 19-101 second and to make all contracts in relation to the property and concerns of the county under K.S.A. 19-101 fourth.

Policy Considerations: