

Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

From: Faye Hughes **Date:** 7/13/2017

Subject: Rail Road Crossing repairs **Item Number:** VIII - E

Thursday, July 13, 2017, I met with Scott Cloud, Road Manager with OmniTrax Rail Systems. OmniTrax owns and operates the tracks that run north and south along HWY 76 to Perry, Florida and east and west through Colquitt County crossing Old Union Rd, Arthur Rentz, Rountree Bridge and Evergreen Church Rd.

OmniTrax is willing to repair the railroad crossing on Old Union Road at Pine Valley and Greggs Road. Those repairs consist of leveling that tracks removing old asphalt, replacing cross ties, etc. What they can't do is replace the asphalt.

The asphalt would be the County's responsibility. That means the County will cut the existing asphalt on Old Union Rd and Greggs Rd for OmniTrax to do the work. The County would also contract the repaving. The contractor that OmniTrax uses could come along beside them and do the asphalt. The cost to the County would be approximately \$4000 per crossing.

The only other responsibility the County would have is to haul off the old asphalt and provide traffic control while they work.

The crossing on Hwy 76 also needs to be repaired but DOT is not willing to pay the match to repair it. The cost would probably be more than \$4000 because of the size of the area. He has asked that the county also consider assisting in paving that crossing.

Looking at their schedule Mr. Cloud said that he could probably to the work late August or early September. I spoke with him on the phone later and he said the General Manager has given them the okay to do two crossings per month.

It will take about two days to do each one.

It is my recommendation that we move forward with repairing rail crossings on all paved roads in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Motion made by _____

Second made by _____

Any discussion: _____

Votes _____ yes _____ no

Motion carried/ failed