

NEWS RELEASE:

On Thursday, March 2nd, representatives from TxDot and the United States Postal Service met with the Gaines County Judge and one Commissioner on Thursday to review the policies for mailbox service. In the past this has been TxDot and the Postal Services responsibility. Due to ongoing issues, Gaines County is willing to step in and assist the residents of the county to serve their needs.

According to TxDot policy mailboxes cannot be placed on state highways unless they have an address directly on the state highway. In the past, TxDot did install mailboxes without residents living directly on the state highway. Due to safety concerns, TxDot is now not replacing any mailboxes not compliant with their policy.

The United States Postal Service proposed a plan to address the issues for residents not residing on state highways. For residents not residing on state highways, mailboxes will be placed in groups at intersections. Gaines County Commissioners are willing to provide right of way rights and maintain a caliche pathway for mailbox areas. Each location must be approved by the Commissioner's Court and the Postal Service to ensure mail services will be provided.

Gaines County thanks you for your patience while we work together to provide a solution to this problem.

Gaines County Judge, Cindy Therwhanger