

CLAY COUNTY SURVEY CORNER POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Clay County Board of Supervisors that any Registered Land Surveyor working within the County shall be responsible for location of existing monuments established in the original General Land Office surveys including, Section, Quarter, Witness, Meander Corners or Quarter-Quarter Corners.

Location shall mean reasonable search and include:

- 1) Research of all County records for pertinent information including survey record books, corner tie cards, surveys on file in the Highway Superintendent's Office, County Surveyors Office, County Road Records, State and Federal agencies, utilities and railroads.
- 2) Field investigation of evidence of location of Corners such as power lines, road alignment, government note calls, fence lines, and lines of possession.
- 3) Actual excavating (digging) to locate monuments marking corners shall be done by hand methods. A reasonable search for corner must be done. This includes using research records for distances, crossing corner ties or other information available to determine the location of the corner. The Surveyor must show the county that a reasonable search has been done to locate the corner. This includes digging by hand methods.

If the Corner is not found by the Surveyor by hand methods, the Surveyor may request assistance from the County Highway Superintendent in excavating. If the Corner can be located by the County Surveyor, the Surveyor who requested the County Surveyors assistance, will be charged for the locating of the Corner, unless all ties are lost or obliterated.

NOTE:

When the location of the Corner falls in an area of a large cut where it is evident that the Corner is lost, or within a creek, drainage ditch or man-made structure, it shall be up to the County Highway Superintendent or Surveyor's discretion as to the amount of excavation. Surveyors are not expected to excavate in concrete surfaced roads.

- 4) When monuments marking Corners cannot be located by the hand method, the Surveyor shall make a written request for Corners to the County Highway Superintendent's Office. The county Surveyor will be notified and shall have two weeks to respond in some manner to the request. Their response shall either be research, field investigation, field measurement, digging by hand, or with County equipment. This is subject to availability of County Road Equipment and weather consequences.

The Surveyor requesting the corners shall provide the County Surveyor with all information as to the extent of investigation and research done in conjunction with said Corner. If available, coordinate values to other corners and references should be provided to County Surveyor from the Surveyor's measurements taken while trying to locate Corners.

If the County Surveyor through his investigation finds the Corner to be lost or obliterated, it shall be his duty to reestablish this Corner and any interdependent corners necessary for its re-establishment in a expedient manner.

The County Surveyor alone shall have the authority to reestablish the Corners set in the original General Land Office Surveys pursuant to State Statute 23-1908.

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By Kendall Ham
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

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By Deke G. Gammal
County Surveyor

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