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Hon. Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas
C/o Lauren Laux, Chair of Opinion Div.
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Dear Ms. Laux:

I am writing to request the Attorney General's opinion on the following matters:

Whether or not the Upton County Commissioners may maintain or work on private property, that is <u>not</u> a road, if it imposes a reasonable fee for the work.

Whether or not the Upton County Commissioners may sell County owned dirt to private individuals for a reasonable fee.

These questions have arisen in our county because Texas Constitution Art. 3 § 52f does allow for some use of taxpayer equipment on private property in counties with population of 5000 or less. Upton County does have a population of less than 5000.

Please send your reply to the address above or contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Melanie Spratt-Andersor Upton County Attorney