

Decision No. 24180.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of Mc CAUGHEY BROS., a corporation,)	
to discontinue operation of auto-)	Application
motive stage line between Bodega)	No. 17729
and Bodega Roads and for authority)	
to cancel tariff and time schedules.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N**ORIGINAL**

Mc Caughey Bros., a corporation, applicants herein request authority to discontinue service as a common carrier for the transportation of persons and property between Bodega and Bodega Roads and intermediate points.

Applicants base their request upon the lack of necessity for continuing the service as shown by the meager patronage now given. During the year 1930 no passengers were carried and the revenue from freight business only \$109.50. The experience during the present year has not been different. That this carrier continued to give service was due to the fact that they received certain revenues for transporting mail from the mail contractor. Other reasons urged by applicant are:

"...automobiles and trucks now abound in the territory served by the stage line. An excellent highway now connects Bodega with Bodega Roads, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant. Local conditions have so changed since James Mc Caughey about 50 years ago established this service with a horse drawn vehicle 'for the accommodation of the public' he used to say, that it is doubtful if that public would now take any notice of its discontinuance.

"After the closing of the Bodega express office irregular truck competition steadily increased and the stage business has steadily declined. Now since the abandonment of the narrow gauge railroad to connect with which at Bodega Roads this stage line was originally established, the business has almost reached the vanishing point."

Under the foregoing conditions we feel that this Commission should authorize the abandonment requested.

O R D E R

Mc Caughey Bros., a corporation, having made application to the Commission to discontinue automotive service for the transportation of passengers between Bodega and Bodega Roads and this being a matter in which a public hearing is not deemed necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mc Caughey Bros., a corporation, be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue all service by automobile for the transportation of persons or property between Bodega and Bodega Roads, provided that notice of abandonment shall be posted at their terminals and in their vehicles at least five (5) days before the date of discontinuance of service; and provided, further, that applicant shall, within twenty (20) days file cancellation of its tariffs and time schedules now on file therefor.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of

November 1931.

Leon Whitely

M. J. King

W. B. Harris

Fred C. Stewart
COMMISSIONERS.