

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

August 5, 2015

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Williamson County Highway Department facility at 302 Beasley Drive in Franklin, TN. Commission members present: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chairman, Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Stan Tyson, Wayne Davis, Charlie Bennett, and Dick Fowlkes.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Randy Hickman, Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Robert Cook, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson, and other interested individuals.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for the approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2015 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were no Special Announcements.

Citizen Communications: There were no Citizen Communications.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request by Rachel Simmons and Brian Nock of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Tennessee Chapter, for use of Williamson County roads described on the maps of the charity bicycle routes for the Cycle of Life event to be held on September 12, 2015 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. (Commissioners Tyson, Bennett, and Davis)(County Commission Districts 1, Jones/Jones, District 2, Hester/Herbert, District 9, Kaestner/Clark, District 11, Beathard/Ryan).** Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the charitable event to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and passed unanimously, 5-0.
2. **Request by Commissioner Tyson for Kate Brock of the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency to speak about emergency preparedness in Williamson County, and the Highway Department's role during various emergency situations.** Kate Brock, a 12 year employee of the Emergency Management Agency stated that she is the Plans and Programs Officer at the Agency. She stated that she partners with the Highway Department during events such as severe weather to keep the roads passable and as safe as possible. She gave examples such as spreading salt during a snow event, removing fallen trees from the roadways, or putting out barricades in the event of rising waters in a flood situation.

She explained that monthly meetings are held with outside agencies, such as utility companies, and State agencies. Together they work on emergency operations plans. She went on to say that every third meeting a mock emergency is exercised to ensure continuity of the County emergency operations plan. She encouraged everyone to attend these monthly meetings. She went on to say that similar meetings are held by the State Emergency Management Agency.

Ms. Brock reported that when the new Public Safety building is complete, the Emergency Operations Center will be greatly expanded allowing for all key entities to be in the operations center at the time of the emergency situation. They will have the ability to exchange vital information with Federal, State, and local authorities through various means, including visual capabilities. Decisions based on the emergency information gathered in the Operations Center would then be directed to the applicable responders.

Chairman Anderson stated that Emergency Management Director, Mac Purdy has authority to make key decisions in regards to public safety in Williamson County. He stated that whether it involves calling out the Highway Department snow plows, or responding to a massive emergency that might involve the power grid, or restricting fuel distribution, Mr. Purdy makes the decision, and the County Mayor signs the order.

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Highway Commission District Reports:

Commissioner Davis: He was not aware of any road issues to report.

Commissioner Fowlkes: He was not aware of any road issues to report.

Commissioner Tyson: He was not aware of any road issues to report.

Commissioner Bennett: He was not aware of any road issues to report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood referenced the July Activity Report. He stated that the Highway Department is working at full capacity on the regular summer seasonal operations.

Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson had no issues to present.

Legal Issues: County Attorney Cook had no legal issues to present.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson

Chairman and County Mayor