

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 5, 2017**

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 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 Wayne Davis, Charles Wilson, Stan Tyson, and Charlie Bennett.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Randy Hickman, Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, William Andrews, Engineering; Mike Matteson, Planning Director; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Dana Ausbrooks, County Commission District 12, and other interested individuals.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for the approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed, 5-0.

**Special Announcements:** There were no Special Announcements.

**Citizen Communications:**

**Skip Beasley**, President of the Cross Creek Homeowners Association lives at 208 Vantage Way, Franklin, TN. Mr. Beasley stated that in 1987 the Highway Commission voted to keep the cul-de-sacs in Cross Creek Subdivision closed. Mr. Beasley asked the Highway Commission to keep the cul-de-sacs closed.

**Barbara Owens**, 300 Ridgetop Drive, stated that she has concerns about traffic and safety, and would like Cross Creek Drive and Biltmore Court to remain closed.

**Monique Koeker**, Cedarment Subdivision stated that she isn't directly impacted by the Colletta Park development but wants to keep the 2 stubs on Warren Road and the stubs on Cross Creek and Beacon Hill closed.

**Mark Miehle**, 1115 Ridgeway Drive stated that he has concerns about the additional traffic on Ridgeway Drive. He stated that many children live in the area and he has concerns for their safety if the connection to Stanford Drive is granted.

**Troy Mizell**, 4113 Murfreesboro Road stated that he has concerns about safety, and concerns about quality of life if this connection were to pass. He asked for consideration by the Highway Board to vote no on the connection of Colletta Park Subdivision to Stanford Drive.

**Superintendent Hood** entered into the record approximately 40 letters and emails addressed to him, Commissioner Wilson, and Chair Anderson.

**Elections and Appointments:** There were no Elections and Appointments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Brett Owens of Signature Homes presenting a Traffic Impact Analysis for McDaniel Estates Subdivision. (HC Bennett; CC District 5, Green/Little).**

**Mr. Owens** presented a Traffic Impact Analysis for McDaniel Estates Subdivision and asked the Highway Board for approval of the road improvement recommendations contained therein.

**Superintendent Hood** stated that he and Mr. Collier looked at the site, and reviewed the plans. He stated that the proposed improvements to McDaniel Road and the intersection of McDaniel Road and Arno Road were recommended in the Williamson County Major Corridor Study. He added that the proposed plan will greatly improve sight distance at the intersection, and that he approves of the preliminary road improvement plan.

**Mr. Collier** stated that all the guidelines for road improvements have been followed. He stated that these improvements were also recommended in the Major Corridor Study. He added that because of the crash data for Arno Road, it was decided that Arno Road should be the first road for improvement. He added that the intersection of McDaniel Road and Arno Road was determined to be one of the most unsafe intersections in Williamson County.

**Mr. Matteson** stated that McDaniel Estates is planned for 210 lots, and that 2.5 million dollars has been set aside for the road improvements that are required in order for the development to be approved by the Planning Commission. He added that the improvements are to be done when the subdivision reaches a build out of 86 homes.

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the preliminary road improvement analysis for McDaniel Road and for the intersection of McDaniel Road and Arno Road. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

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**2. Greg Gamble of Gamble Design Collaborative requesting Colletta Park Subdivision connection to Stanford Drive. (HC Wilson; CC District 12, Smith/Ausbrooks)**

**Mr. Gamble** appeared before the Highway Commission to ask for approval to connect Colletta Park Subdivision, which is a development in the City of Franklin to Stanford Drive which is a County road. He gave a power point presentation outlining plans for improvements to Stanford Drive and Ridgeway Drive. He stated that if permission to connect is given, Stanford Drive will be improved according to the requirements of the City of Franklin which would include curb and gutters and sidewalks on both sides of the street. He added that on Ridgeway Drive the speed limit would drop to 25 mph, and would be painted on the road. He added that the outer edge of the road would be striped for the appearance of a more narrow travel lane. He also mentioned speed tables as a possible traffic calming device. He added that 5 street lights are proposed and would be paid for by the developer and maintained by the Colletta Park HOA. He stated that a pedestrian path would be added on Ridgeway Drive and would be located off of the right-of-way. Mr. Gamble stated that turn lanes would be added at the intersection of Ridgeway Drive and Highway 96. There would be a right and left turn lane and a through lane on Ridgeway Drive and a right turn lane on Highway 96 onto Ridgeway Drive. He added that the density of the development was decreased by 110 lots therefore a traffic light at the intersection is not warranted. Mr. Gamble stated that a traffic study will be filed with the City of Franklin on July 10 and will be available to Superintendent Hood and the Highway Commission shortly thereafter. He added that if permission to connect isn't granted, then please consider it for an emergency access connection.

Mr. Gamble answered questions from the Highway Commissioners and an in depth discussion took place.

**County Attorney Cook** stated that the County Commission has to approve a speed limit change on a County Road. He added that having speed tables installed on a County road is another process altogether and can't be voted on by this body. Mr. Cook stated that in this situation, the County's authority is limited. He explained that this is a unique situation whereby action was taken by the Planning Commission and Highway Commission some 30 years ago that protected against dumping additional traffic onto these roads. Mr. Cook went on to say that the County's authority is limited; however, we can go through an abandonment process whereby the road would not touch the boundary that has been annexed.

**Jimmy Wiseman**, Assistant Director of Development with the City of Franklin Planning Department stated that from the City's perspective, connectivity is favored for safety reasons and for options for drivers. He added that the decision to connect is ultimately the decision of elected officials. He stated that Staff has rules that have to be adhered to, and they have to treat every situation the same. If a road is stubbed, he explained, it's meant to be connected to. He added that the City and the County work well together with safety being the main concern for both bodies.

**County Commissioner Ausbrooks** stated that she and Commissioner Smith have spoken out against the connection of Colletta Park to Stanford Drive.

**Mr. Collier** stated that connectivity is important for reasons of safety and convenience. He discussed various types of gates for emergency access and recommended that the gate have a back-up power source in the event of a power outage.

**Mr. Gamble** stated that the preferred type of gate for the emergency access on Stanford Drive would be the electronic type.

**Superintendent Hood** stated that in his opinion the connection to Stanford Drive should be limited to an emergency access only. He added that he is in favor of upholding the 1987 Highway Commission and Planning Commission decision to keep the connection stubs in tact.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion that the Colletta Park connection to Stanford Drive will be an emergency access only based on prior actions of the Planning Commission and the Highway Commission. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution 7-17-19 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-18 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$790,000 FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES - REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE.**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Bennett moved for approval of Resolution 7-17-19. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously, 5-0.

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2. **Resolution 7-17-20 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-18 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$6,250,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS ON ARNO ROAD – REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE.**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Bennett moved for approval of Resolution 7-17-20. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. **Resolution 7-17-23 RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2017-18 HIGHWAY BUDGET BY \$75,000 AND RELATED OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR PAVING EXPENSES – REVENUES TO COME FROM HIGHWAY PRIVILEGE TAX FUNDS**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 7-17-23. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson, and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Highway Commission District Reports**

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

**Commissioner Wilson:** Commissioner Wilson was not aware of any road issues to report.

**Commissioner Tyson:** Commissioner Tyson stated that his constituents in Cottonwood Subdivision are delighted with the paving in their subdivision. He added that the Highway Department is doing a great job.

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

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood acknowledged the June, 2017 Activity Report. He stated that paving is underway in Cottonwood Subdivision, and that the bush hog crews are running at full capacity.

**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson had nothing further to present.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 am.

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Rogers C. Anderson

Chairman and County Mayor