

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2018

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 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, and Charles Wilson. Commissioner Charlie Bennett was unable to attend.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Randy Hickman, Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; William Andrews, Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Mike Matteson, Planning Director; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Wayne Franklin, Risk Management Director; Jeff Moseley, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson; County Commissioner Steve Smith, District 12, 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 February 7, 2018 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed, 4-0.

Special Announcements: There were no special announcements.

Citizen Communications: There were no Citizen Communications.

Elections and Appointments:

Chair Anderson reported that two (2) Highway Commission terms are expiring at the end of the month, Commissioner Davis in the Southwest District, and Commissioner Bennett in the Southeast District. Commissioner Tyson moved to nominate Commissioner Davis to an additional two (2) year term. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

Chair Anderson stated that Commissioner Bennett decided to retire from the Highway Commission, and expressed his appreciation for the 31 years Commissioner Bennett served. Commissioner Tyson moved to nominate David Coleman as Highway Commissioner for the Southeast District for a two (2) year term. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Tyson's motion to nominate David Coleman for a two (2) year term in the Southeast District was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

Mr. Coleman expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Bennett for his years of service. He stated that he is looking forward to serving on the Highway Commission and added that he can fill the position but can't take Commissioner Bennett's place.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Jason Morelock of Morelock Engineering presenting plans for a left turn lane on Southall Road at Grace Chapel Church. (HC Tyson; CC District 9, Kaestner/Clark)**

Mr. Morelock stated that Grace Chapel Church is building an addition to their current facility and would like permission to add a left turn lane on Southall Road into the Grace Chapel property. Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of a left turn lane on Southall Road into the Grace Chapel Church property. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

- 2. Ryan Manners of Compass Land Group presenting offsite road improvement plans on Eudailey-Covington Road at Vineyard Valley Subdivision. (HC Bennett; CC District 2, Herbert/Hester)**

Mr. Manners stated that he is seeking approval of the offsite road improvement plans for Vineyard Valley Subdivision and is seeking permission to close Eudailey-Covington Road during the construction.

Superintendent Hood stated that closing the road would impact College Grove Elementary and disrupt bus routes. He added that he is not comfortable closing the road until school is out.

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Mr. Dominic Romano of Ragan-Smith stated that due to the nature of the road improvements which includes widening the road and correcting a curvature, he believes that closing the road is the safest and fastest option. He stated that he believes closing one lane at a time utilizing temporary traffic signals will cause a more dangerous situation for residents in the area and for the construction workers, and will delay the project by approximately 3 months. He added that the final plat can't be submitted until the road improvements are complete and approved.

Mr. Manners stated that site preparation could be done with temporary lane closures until school is out for summer.

Mr. Collier stated that EMS, The Sheriff's Department, and the Postal Service should be contacted as well as the residents in the area via signs, and notifications sent through the mail.

Commissioner Tyson suggested that a Deputy Sheriff be on site during peak travel hours during the road closure phase to assist with traffic.

Attorney Moseley suggested starting the site preparation phase utilizing temporary lane closures until school lets out for the summer, then closing the road for the remainder of the project until school starts back in late summer.

Superintendent Hood stated that he has no problem with the project proceeding as stated by Attorney Moseley.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the offsite improvement plans to Eudailey-Covington Road at Vineyard Valley Subdivision by utilizing temporary lane closures during the site preparation phase and closing the road when school is out for the summer. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.

3. Resolution 3-18-29 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CABLE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST CABLEVISION OF NASHVILLE I, LLC AND COMCAST CABLEVISION OF NASHVILLE II, LLC A LICENSE TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE.

Superintendent Hood stated that he would like to amend Resolution 3-18-29 to include language that would require Comcast Cablevision of Nashville to contact the Williamson County Highway Department prior to working in the County Rights-of-way.

Commissioner Tyson moved to amend Resolution 3-18-29 to include the additional stipulation requested by Superintendent Hood. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

Attorney Moseley stated that the Resolution would be amended to include the additional language requested by Superintendent Hood. He added that the Budget Committee has already looked at the amendment and is in favor of it. He explained that in the Resolution, in the next to the last paragraph, on line seven after the words "pursuant to the provisions of the license agreement", the additional wording, "subject to reasonable prior notice to the Williamson County Highway Department" will be added.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve resolution 3-18-29 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.

4. Resolution 3-18-30 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION A LICENSE TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON, TENNESSEE, WITH NATURAL GAS SERVICE.

Superintendent Hood stated that he would like to amend Resolution 3-18-30 to include language that would require Atmos Energy Corporation to contact the Williamson County Highway Department prior to working in the County Rights-of-way.

Commissioner Tyson moved to amend Resolution 3-18-30 to include the additional stipulation requested by Superintendent Hood. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

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Commissioner Tyson moved to approve resolution 3-18-30 as amended. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

5. Resolution 3-18-37 RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH ITS INTEREST IN A PORTION OF THE UNPAVED RIGHT OF WAY OF CROSS CREEK DRIVE AND BILTMORE COURT. (HC Wilson; CC District 12, Ausbrooks/Smith)

Superintendent Hood stated that the unimproved part on Cross Creek Drive and Biltmore Court are currently part of the County right-of-way. He stated that by abandoning these stubs, property ownership will revert back to the original owner, and yielded to Attorney Moseley.

Attorney Moseley stated that currently the unpaved right of way on Cross Creek Drive and Biltmore Court could allow for connectivity. He added that abandoning the right of way means that it will revert back to private ownership and that any future attempts to acquire this right of way would go back to the original owners or by eminent domain.

Commissioner Smith of the 12th District stated that this resolution will go before the County Commission on Monday night. He added that the City of Franklin continues to approve development around the communities that are part of the County such as Cross Creek Subdivision. The residents of these communities have concerns about connectivity and the burden of added traffic routed through their neighborhoods. He acknowledged Superintendent Hood and Attorney Cook for all the work they have put into this and stated that a meeting will be held with the home owners in Cross Creek to explain the process. He stated that some home owners have lived in the subdivision long enough to remember when action was taken by this Board and the Planning Commission some years ago, and thought this issue was taken care of. He added that the extra step of approval by the County Commission will make the abandonment official. He thanked the Board for their support.

Chairman Anderson stated that by abandoning the right-of-way, it will allow the residents of these communities to take control of their own destinies.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 3-18-37. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.

6. Williamson County Highway Department Budget Review, Fiscal Year 2018/2019. (Greg Boll)

Superintendent Hood stated that some changes were made to the budget this year and yielded to Mr. Boll.

Mr. Boll stated that there are several line item increases this year. He stated that the Board and Committee Member line item was increased this year from \$150.00 a month to \$250.00. He also mentioned increases in engineering, hot mix, striping, and added road salt to the budget. He reported a 2% salary increase for all County employees and an increase in benefits based on the 2% salary increase. He added that the highway bridge and the highway construction line items were increased. He stated that the 1.1 million dollar increase is equal to the increase from the State Improvements Act.

Ms. Graham stated that the budget falls within the guidelines set forth by the Budget Committee.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the Williamson County Highway Department 2018/2019 annual budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

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Highway Commission District Reports:

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

Commissioner Wilson: He stated that Superintendent Hood had addressed all concerns in his area.

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

Commissioner Bennett: He was unable to attend.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood acknowledged the February Activity Report. He stated that the asphalt plants are open for the season and paving operations are underway. He added that Bushhog Crews will start mowing the County rights-of-way in April.

Superintendent Hood stated that Mr. Horne received a letter from an attorney who represents a client who is wheelchair bound about the sidewalks in Chardonnay Subdivision not being ADA compliant. He added that he and Attorney Cook rode to the site on Thursday. The letter states that the HOA is responsible for the repairs. He added that the HOA will have to come up with improvement plans to present to the Highway Department and to the Engineers for approval. He stated that the main concern is at the Clovercroft School crosswalk.

Mr. Horne stated that the sidewalks are private property, and the difficulty is in the transition between private property and public property of the right-of-way, and that the HOA's should work with the Highway Department prior to placing any sidewalk ramps in the right-of-way.

Mr. Collier gave an update on the Williamson County Major Corridor Study. He stated that Arno Road was selected as the first road to start with due to the high number of accidents. He added that Collier Engineering and Volkert began working on three projects on Arno Road approximately nine months ago. Those three projects include the Highway 96 intersection, the Page High School area, and the 840 interchange area. Mr. Collier stated that the plans on all three projects are complete and added that he's talked to TDOT and the School Board and is planning to work out of Page Middle School. The projects are ready to go to construction and we're working on acquiring the right-of-way now. The Page High School project will be the first area for improvement and will go to bid in April, hopefully in time to be brought before the Board at the May meeting for approval. He stated that construction can begin in the summer. Soon after that the Highway 96 project will be brought to bid. The 840 project will be completed by the Highway Department and will reduce the original 6.2 million dollar budget by one million dollars. He added that other work to be completed will be the realignment of the Arno-College Grove Road intersection and the realignment of the McDaniel Road intersection.

Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson thanked Commissioner Bennett for his many years of service to the Highway Commission and welcomed Mr. Coleman. He asked that everyone keep County Attorney Cook and his mother in their prayers.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:21 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor