

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

November 7, 2018

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, November 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, David Coleman, Charles Wilson and Wayne Davis.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Randy Hickman, Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Nena Graham, Budget Director; 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 October 3, 2018 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were no Special Announcements.

Citizen Communications: Laura Turner, 1108 Dickinson Lane, Franklin, TN read from a prepared statement on behalf of Citizens for Old Natchez Trace. The concerns expressed therein were heavy trucks traveling at excessive speeds on Old Natchez Trace Road, suggesting weight limits placed on the road as well as weight limits on the bridge at Old Town, and the Sneed Road Bridge.

County Attorney Cook stated that in order to place a weight limit on a road a traffic study has to be conducted to determine necessity. He added that a study was conducted a couple of years ago that determined a weight limit on Old Natchez Trace Road was not warranted.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Richard Houze of SEC, Inc. presenting road improvement plans to Cox Road at Pine Creek Subdivision. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Lothers/Little).**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. He stated that he and Mr. Collier have reviewed the plan and inspected the site.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of the road improvement plan to Cox Road at Pine Creek Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. **ROAD PROTECTION BOND REVIEW FOR THE ENCLAVE AT DOVE LAKE, BIG OAK LANE. (William Andrews).**

Item 2 was pulled from the agenda.

3. **Resolution 11-18-7 RESOLUTION TO NAME A BRIDGE LOCATED ON ARNO ROAD IN HONOR OF MR. THOMAS L. HAM FOR HIS YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY. (HC Coleman; CC District 5, Lothers/Little).**

Superintendent Hood stated that the paperwork is in order for a bridge to be named for Mr. Thomas Ham.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of Resolution 11-18-7. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

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4. **Resolution 11-18-31 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018-19 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE COUNTY GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND PHASE OF A CLASSIFICATION/COMPENSATION STUDY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES – REVENUES TO COME FROM RESPECTIVE FUND BALANCES, GRANT FUNDS AND DONATIONS.**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. He stated that this Resolution will give the Highway Department employees an increase in pay. He added that the funds will come from the Highway Department fund balance.

Ms. Graham stated that the first phase of this study was implemented during the last budget process. She stated that the second phase of the study was to look at the amount of experience an employee has in their job field, and to look at the length of service with the County. She added that the study also took into consideration employee salaries at 15 like sized Cities and Counties. She stated that this portion is for six months and that the full amount will be accounted for in the 2019 budget process.

Chairman Anderson stated that the County is having a hard time filling vacant positions and retaining good employees. He stated that the pay increase is currently for full time employees with part time employees being considered during the 2019 budget process. He added that the Resolution passed the Budget Committee 5-0.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of Resolution 11-18-31. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. **Highway Bid for concrete box beams and deck panels for Arno-College Grove Road Bridge. (Greg Boll)**

Mr. Boll, the Purchasing Agent, and Superintendent Hood recommend the low bid submitted by Ross Prestress for the concrete box beams and deck panels for Arno-College Grove Road Bridge.

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the bid submitted by Ross Prestress. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. **Discussion Item: Reclassifying Gosey Hill Road as a collector road. (Joe Horne)**

Mr. Horne stated that this request came about several months ago when the Planning Commission was approached by the School System about building a school on Gosey Hill Road which is currently classified as a local road and wouldn't be allowed under the zoning ordinance which restricts schools to arterials and collector roads. He stated that the physical facts about Gosey Hill Road were considered. It intersects with Arno Road, Long Lane, and Peytonsville Road with easy access to 840. It was concluded that Gosey Hill Road should be considered for collector road status. He stated the School System was asked to conduct traffic studies that would be reviewed by an independent Traffic Consultant. Their traffic studies were reviewed by KCI Traffic Consultants who agreed that Gosey Hill Road should be considered for collector road status.

Mr. Horne stated that the Major Thoroughfare Plan which is part of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be utilized to determine future roadway needs such as setting aside rights of way for future improvements. He stated that the reclassification will come before the Planning Commission in December and a Public Hearing will be held tomorrow night at the Planning Commission. The plans are available online.

Superintendent Hood stated that he is comfortable with the reclassification.

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Highway Commission District Reports:

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

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Wilson reported a citizen in Farmington who is unhappy with the construction traffic in Farmington Subdivision.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood acknowledged the October Highway Department Activity Report. He remarked that the department accomplished a lot of projects this year and stated that paving and bushhog operations are winding down for the season.

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

Legal Issues: There were no legal issues to address.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.
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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor