

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 6, 2019**

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 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, Stan Tyson, Wayne Davis, Charles Wilson, and David Coleman.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Elaine Vasquez, Brandon Wright, Randy Hickman, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Director; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Robert Cook, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley, and Carson; Betsey Hester and Judy Herbert, County Commissioners, District 2, and other interested individuals.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

**Citizen Communications:**

Gary Shirley, 2220 Grey Cliff Drive, Franklin, TN stated that he is asking for help with the traffic issues at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike as well as the intersection of Henpeck Lane and Columbia Pike. He stated that a new middle school, a private preschool and condominiums are coming to the intersection of Henpeck Lane at Lewisburg Pike which will greatly impact the amount of traffic. He added that the traffic is already very heavy and these developments will add to the existing safety issues in the area.

Commissioner Betsey Hester, 112 Valley Ridge Road, Franklin, TN asked the Highway Commission for help obtaining a traffic signal at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike. She stated that there are currently five subdivisions on Henpeck Lane and an elementary school. There are also plans to build a middle school and a private preschool she added, as well as plans to run a sewer line to the area which will bring more growth and development. Commissioner Hester presented a letter from Herma Peaveyhouse who resides in Durham Manor who was unable to attend today. The letter is attached.

Brian Davis, 115 Gosling Drive, Franklin, TN stated that he is opposed to connecting Cattail Lane to Lewisburg Pike. He stated that his concerns are for safety because Cattail Lane will become a short cut from Lewisburg Pike to I-65.

Dan Heimerle, 2068 Goose Creek Drive, Franklin, TN stated that Cattail Lane which is a quiet neighborhood street will become a busy cut through street if connectivity is allowed. He added that the increase in traffic through the neighborhood will pose safety concerns for the children residing there.

Annie Monson, 612 Cattail Lane, Franklin, TN expressed her opposition to connecting Cattail Lane to Lewisburg Pike. She stated that Cattail Lane will become a cut through street and will pose a danger to children playing outside.

**Elections and Appointments:**

<u>Highway Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
NW District (2 year term-expiring 3/21)	Stan Tyson	Stan Tyson

Commissioner Coleman moved to nominate Stan Tyson to another two year term. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

NE District (2 year term-expiring 3/21)	Charles Wilson	Charles Wilson
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Commissioner Tyson moved to nominate Charles Wilson to another two year term. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed, 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Greg Gamble of Gamble Design Group requesting the extension of Cattail Lane through South Brooke Subdivision to Lewisburg Pike. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert).**

Greg Gamble of Gamble Design Group appeared before the Highway Commission seeking permission to connect Cattail Lane, which is a County road in Goose Creek Estates, to a new 350 acre development, and extend it out to Lewisburg Pike. The proposed development is located within the City of Franklin Urban Growth Boundary. Mr. Gamble presented maps and plans and gave an overview of the project. Mr. Jimmy Wiseman with the City of Franklin was also in attendance with regards to this project.

After some discussion about annexation and connectivity, the Commissioners, Superintendent Hood, Staff and Legal Counsel agreed that more information is needed before a determination can be made.

Commissioner Coleman moved to defer this request until the March meeting with the understanding that Mr. Gamble will bring back an emergency connectivity design plan on Cattail Lane, and also the identity of the property owners of the 15 foot section of land between Cattail Lane and the proposed new development. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

- 2. County Commissioner Betsy Hester, District 2, regarding the need for traffic signalization at the intersection of Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike.**

Commissioner Hester spoke on this topic during Citizen Communications.

Chairman Anderson confirmed that a middle school is being built on Henpeck Lane on County owned property next to Oakview Elementary School. He stated that the Budget Committee recently approved 20 million of the budgeted 40 million needed to build the school. He stated that the School System has entered into an agreement with the City of Franklin to run a sewer trunk line to the area.

Superintendent Hood stated that in order to put a traffic light at the intersection of Lewisburg Pike and Henpeck Lane, a study must be conducted to determine if signalization is warranted. He stated that in addition to a traffic signal, other improvements have to be made to the intersection such as turn lanes and other modifications. Plans would then have to be drawn up by an engineer and submitted to the State of Tennessee for approval once the intersection is determined to warrant a traffic light. He added that the Highway Department will work with the School System and the MPO to help fund it.

Mr. Collier stated that the School System is required to conduct a traffic study and off-site road improvements before the new school is finished. The school is projected to open in the fall of 2020. Mr. Collier also stated that the plan for the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Henpeck Lane is to realign Coleman Road with Henpeck Lane. He added that this project was prioritized according to the Major Corridor Traffic Strategy Study to take place in phase two. Construction is projected to begin in 2021.

Commissioner Coleman stated that the proposed improvements to Henpeck Lane are not new or just now coming to light. He pointed out that these improvements have been considered in traffic strategy plans for two years now.

- 3. Resolution 2-19-13 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 100 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW THE DEPUTY JOHN MORRIS HEITHCOCK HIGHWAY IN HONOR OF HIS SERVICE AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY. (HC Davis; CC District 1, Jones/Jones).**

Superintendent Hood stated that this is a portion of Highway 100, which is a State Route within the City Limits of Fairview. He added that the State would like our approval of naming this section of Highway 100 in honor of Deputy John Morris Heithcock.

Commissioner Davis moved for approval of naming the said portion of Highway 100 in honor of Deputy John Morris Heithcock. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

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### **Highway Commission District Reports**

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

**Commissioner Wilson:** Commissioner Wilson reported having one issue in his district and is working with Superintendent Hood to resolve it.

**Commissioner Tyson:** Commissioner Tyson reported receiving a connectivity request from residents on Gillette Drive and River Landing Subdivision.

**Commissioner Coleman:** Commissioner Coleman's concerns are expressed under the 5 Year Capital Programs discussion.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood acknowledged the January Activity Report. He stated that a small amount of road salt was used in the winter weather event last week.

**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson stated that Commissioner Coleman's concerns will be addressed before adjournment.

**Legal Issues:** There were no legal issues to present.

### **5 Year Capital Program Discussion:**

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns regarding the timeline for completion of the proposed corridor improvements that were outlined in the Comprehensive Major Corridor Traffic Strategy Study. He asked if the timeline for completion of these projects could be expedited, stating that the rapid rate of growth in the County, and the escalating traffic issues will facilitate the need for ongoing major road improvements. He added that funding the expedited improvement projects will be an item for discussion as well.

Mr. Collier presented an overview of the original timeline for the major corridor improvement projects with the projected cost of each project. He then discussed an expedited timeline for these projects with a projected cost per project. He added that funding for the expedited projects is an item for discussion.

Mr. Matteson stated that work is being done on the County side, explaining that the Comprehensive Traffic Strategy Study outlined issues and projections, and put together a game plan for dealing with traffic issues as well as funding issues. He added that land use policies are being revisited to be sure growth is taking place in the right areas from a standpoint of the impact of growth on the County road network for various land use scenarios. He went on to say that there is no dedicated funding source other than what has been approved for the major corridor projects.

Chairman Anderson stated that there are many moving parts that will be put together. The question was asked how we pay for these projects without increasing the tax base. Chairman Anderson stated that one of the ways is to charge the developers and the residents moving in. He also stated that development in the City of Franklin is adding to the complexity. He stated that he would like to see the Highway Department contribute to the Debt Services Fund and to also utilize State and Local grants that are available to the Highway Department so that this is not a burden to taxpayers.

Commissioner Tyson stated that the sooner these traffic issues can be resolved the better.

Commissioner Coleman stated that a three year time frame for completion is in his opinion too aggressive and that a seven year time frame is too far out. He added that a five year time frame is in his opinion more realistic.

Superintendent Hood stated that he anticipates that the Highway Department can complete one project a year, and contractors can complete one to two projects a year which will fit with a five year time frame for completion.

Commissioner Coleman stated that he'd like to look at the 2019/2020 Highway Department Budget to see what can be handled in operations and how much will have to be funded.

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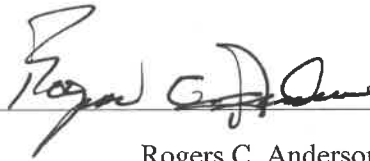
Ms. Graham stated that as soon as the plans and figures can be put on the books, plans for funding can begin.

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to begin the major corridor improvement plans with the help of Collier Engineering to prioritize projects, and to co-ordinate the completion of the intersection of Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike with the completion of the new Henpeck Middle School, and to have a plan for funding within the 2019/2020 budget year. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

There was no other business to address.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rogers C. Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

Rogers C. Anderson  
Chairman and County Mayor