

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

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Williamson County Highway Department facility at 302 Beasley Drive in Franklin, TN. Commission members present: Highway Commission Chairman and County Mayor, Rogers Anderson, Stan Tyson, David Coleman, and Wayne Davis. Charles Wilson was unable to attend.

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; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Wayne Franklin, Risk Management Director; Commissioners Betsy Hester and Judy Herbert of District 2; 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 February 6, 2019 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed, 4-0.

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

**Citizen Communications:**

**Brian Davis** of 115 Gosling Drive expressed his opposition to any type of connectivity of Cattail Lane to the South Brooke Development. He stated that it would be a dangerous situation for the children who play in the area.

**William Bailey** of 509 Downy Meade Drive also expressed his opposition to any type of connectivity of Cattail Lane to the South Brooke Development and stated that connectivity would be unsafe for residents walking their dogs and for the children riding bicycles and playing in the area.

**Trevor Snow** of 604 Cattail Lane also expressed his opposition to any type of connectivity of Cattail Lane to the South Brooke Development citing safety concerns.

**Stephanie Rainey** of 611 Cattail Lane also stated that she is opposed to any type of connectivity of Cattail Lane to South Brooke for reasons already stated.

**Commissioner Betsy Hester** of 112 Valley Ridge Road stated that she is in agreement with the citizen's prior remarks.

**Commissioner Judy Herbert** of 6921 Flat Creek Road stated that she is against any type of connectivity.

**Elections and Appointments:** Commissioner Tyson was sworn in to serve another 2 year term.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Greg Gamble of Gamble Design Group, seeking approval of emergency connectivity plans on Cattail Lane in Goose Creek Estates. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert)**

Mr. Gamble gave a power point presentation of the proposed emergency entrance to the South Brooke Development from Cattail Lane. He stated that emergency access is required by the City of Franklin as well as the Fire Marshall. He stated that the fence would be a four rail equestrian style fence with gates. It would extend the parameter of the property on the County side and would be maintained by the HOA. He also stated that the gate will be 16 feet wide, comprised of two eight foot gates and will easily accommodate a hook and ladder fire truck. He added that County Responders will all have a key to open the gates in the event of an emergency. He also stated that there will be no construction access at the gates and the existing fence will remain intact until the development is farther along. He added that the connecting roadway will be a 16 foot wide concrete driveway rather than an asphalt continuation of the road, and that the cul-de-sac will remain intact. He added that another option would be to fit sections of fence into PVC pipe so that the fence sections could be removed to allow access.

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**Commissioner Coleman made a motion to deny direct access to the South Brooke Development via Cattail Lane. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.**

Commissioner Coleman stated that direct connection of Cattail Lane to Goose Creek Bypass would be dangerous and disruptive. He added that his main concern is for the overall safety of the residents. He is therefore recommending emergency access. Commissioner Coleman stated that he met with Mr. Gamble and some of the residents in the area who wanted a more ornate entry gate at the emergency access point. He stated that in his opinion the equestrian style fence and gate would give the appearance of a property dividing fence rather than the entrance to another development. He also stated that if the emergency access is used for anything other than an emergency access, the County can enforce any abuse of the access point. Commissioner Coleman stated that all emergency responders will have the tool to open the gate.

Superintendent Hood stated that he is in agreement with Commissioner Coleman and recommends emergency access.

Commissioner Tyson related a similar situation in Cottonwood Subdivision, River Landing Subdivision, and Fieldstone Farms. He added that he is in agreement with Commissioner Coleman.

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns that the key to the emergency access gate would not be available to all responders.

Mr. Brian Davis asked that the residents have input on the aesthetics of the gate.

**Commissioner Coleman moved to allow emergency access on Cattail Lane on County right-of-way with the design plan to be decided upon at a later date. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Richard Houze of SEC, Inc. seeking approval of road improvement plans on Meeks Road at Starnes Creek Subdivision. (HC Coleman; CC District 5, Lothers/Little)**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- 2. Williamson County Annual Budget Review. (Greg Boll)**

Mr. Boll and Ms. Graham stated that the 2019/2020 Budget falls within the guidelines set forth by the Budget Committee. Mr. Boll stated that the CIP is included. Ms. Graham stated that the 3% employee raises are also included.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. He stated that some money was moved around to accommodate more road striping and stated that there was an increase to the Risk Management insurance.

**Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the Highway Department's 2019/2020 Annual Operating Budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed, 4-0.**

Mr. Boll stated that the major corridor items are included in the Capital Budget. He stated that the first year major corridor improvements can be accomplished with money from the Fund Balance, and added that year 2021 will possibly be funded with a bond issue.

**Commissioner Coleman made a motion to accept the Capital Budget of four million dollars with the understanding that 3.1 million dollars addresses the major corridor roads for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.**

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**3. Amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan, reclassifying Henpeck Lane from Local Road to Collector Road status. (Joe Horne)**

Mr. Horne stated that a mistake was made in the Major Thoroughfare Plan whereby Henpeck Lane was misclassified as a local road. He stated that Henpeck Lane meets all the criteria of a collector road and stated that he would like to correct it for the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend acceptance.

**Commissioner Coleman moved to reclassify Henpeck Lane as a collector road. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed, 4-0.**

**Highway Commission District Reports:**

**Commissioner Davis:** Commissioner Davis expressed his gratitude for the fast response to a fallen tree in the recent heavy rains.

**Commissioner Wilson:** He was unable to attend.

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

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

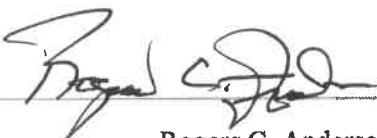
**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood acknowledged the February Highway Department Activity Report and stated that the Department has a big year planned.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson  
Chairman and County Mayor