

## **MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 5, 2019**

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, June 5, 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, David Coleman, Wayne Davis, and Charles Wilson.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, 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; County Commissioners Greg Lawrence and Chad Story of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, 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 May 1, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

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

**Citizen Communications:** Randy Foster, 3475 Stagecoach Drive, stated that he is opposed to any connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. He stated that it is his opinion that the City of Franklin has a master plan in place to divert traffic from Market Street to Clovercroft Road to Highway 96 East. He stated that traffic is already bad at Highway 96 and North Chapel Road and full connectivity will only make matters worse with traffic coming through the narrow streets in Watkins Creek Subdivision headed to Trinity Elementary School and to Page High School. He brought in photographs showing that the neighborhood streets are too narrow for two cars to meet when there are vehicles such as landscape trucks parked on the street. He stated that the streets are dangerous now and will be even worse if they are opened up to through traffic. (Photographs are attached).

Meredith Zeller, 3141 Lorena Court, stated that she is opposed to any type of connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. She stated that she is concerned for the safety of the children playing outside and riding bicycles in the cul-de-sac, and she's worried that connection will diminish the quality of life in the neighborhood and decrease property values. She added that leaving Watkins Creek Subdivision with one way in and one way out is a deterrent to criminal activity.

Heather Bulan, 3133 Lorena Court, stated that she is opposed to any type of connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. She pointed out that other stubs in the neighborhood would be a better choice for connectivity in her opinion. She stated that she has concerns for the safety of the children playing in the neighborhood, and added that 80 percent of the residents in Watkins Creek Subdivision signed a petition stating that they are opposed to any connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision.

Chad Story, County Commissioner, District 4, 1110 Olde Cameron Drive, stated that the proposed connection will make Lorena Court a cut through street going out to North Chapel Road. He stated that in his opinion the stub on Market Street would make a more suitable connection to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. He added that Lorena Court is a cul-de-sac and that the property owners paid a premium price to live in the cul-de-sac. He stated that he has received many emails from citizens in the neighborhood and all of them are opposed to any type of connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Greg Gamble of Gamble Design Collaborative requesting connectivity of Tap Root Hills Subdivision to Lorena Court in Watkins Creek Subdivision. (HC Wilson; CC District 4, Story/Lawrence).**

Mr. Gamble presented plans for a full connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision, and stated that he is here today requesting full connectivity. He also presented plans for an emergency connection on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. Mr. Gamble stated that if full connectivity is not a possibility, he'd like to request emergency connectivity. He stated that the road for the emergency connection will be 16 feet wide and will be a concrete surface leading to a four plank equestrian style fence with a four plank manual gate and lock box to be used only in the event of an emergency such as a tornado or other natural disaster. The concrete surface leading to the four plank fencing and gate will give the appearance of a driveway rather than the continuation of the road.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he is not in favor of full connectivity. He added that he is in favor of emergency connectivity and does not feel that it will interfere with the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Coleman stated that the County's concern is for the safety of the citizens. He also stated that recently in another emergency connectivity situation, the fencing and gate were made to blend in with the rural natural surroundings. He added that emergency connectivity will remain an emergency only connection for as long as the County owns the right-of-way.

County Attorney Cook stated that the current law amended five years ago states that annexation can no longer take place without the property owners agreeing to it. Mr. Cook went on to say that he does not see the law changing in the foreseeable future and that as long as the property owners on both sides of the street are against it, there can be no annexation of the street.

Ms. Zeller stated that she met with Mr. Patterson and was told that the emergency connection would not be used for medical emergencies or fires. It would be used only in the event of a tornado or other natural disaster. She stated that ambulances and fire engines would be routed to Watkins Creek Subdivision via North Chapel Road. She added that tornadoes are very rare events; therefore, she doesn't see the need for any type of connectivity.

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval of the emergency access plan.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the plan for limited emergency connectivity on Lorena Court to Tap Root Hills Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0.

- 2. David Horwath of Land Innovations seeking approval of the offsite road improvement plan on Pasquo Road from the County Line to Natchez Bend Road. (HC Tyson; CC District 9, Morton/Williams).**

Mr. Horwath stated that the road improvements to Pasquo Road from the County Line to Natchez Bend Road will not begin until next year after the completion of the round-about on Pasquo Road at Stephens Valley Subdivision. He explained that the improvement plan has to be approved before a utility design plan can be drawn up and the utility poles can be relocated by Nashville Electric Service, and before the construction can begin. He added that the utilities will be placed outside the County right-of-way.

Mr. Collier stated that the sidewalks and the culverts will be off the County right of way and will be maintained by the HOA. He added that 5 crosswalks have been moved to areas of the road where medians can be used for pedestrian refuge islands.

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Superintendent Hood stated that all concerns he had with the plans were addressed.

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plan for Pasquo Road from the County Line to Natchez Bend Road. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**3. Highway Bids for Guardrail and Hot Mix Asphalt for Fiscal Year 19/20. (Leslie Mitchell/Greg Boll).**

**Guardrail:** Superintendent Hood and Mr. Boll recommend acceptance of the low bid presented by LU, Inc.

Commissioner Coleman moved for acceptance of the low bid presented by LU, Inc. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Hot Mix asphalt:** Superintendent Hood and Mr. Boll recommend acceptance of the five bids submitted by Wright Paving, Volunteer Materials, Fairview Asphalt, Vulcan Construction Materials, and The Rogers Group based on the State Haul Formula and total project cost.

Commissioner Tyson moved for acceptance of the five bids presented based on the State Haul Formula and total project cost. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Highway Commission District Reports:**

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

**Commissioner Davis:** Commissioner Davis reported on the great paving job on Sycamore Road.

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

**Commissioner Tyson:** Commissioner Tyson reported that a citizen in his area requested a blind drive sign and he is happy to report that the sign was put up the same day he requested it.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood acknowledged the May Activity Report and stated that a lot of work lies ahead this year.

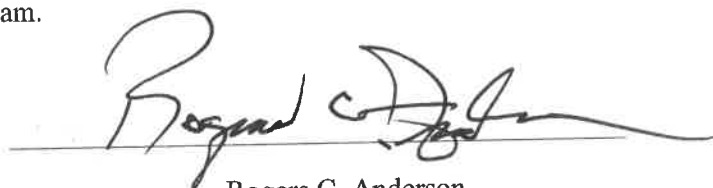
**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson had no further issues to present.

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

There was no other business to address.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 am.

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Rogers C. Anderson  
Chairman and County Mayor