

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

October 2, 2019

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, October 2, 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, Brandon Wright, Randy Hickman, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Director; Nena Graham, Budget Director; County Commissioner Chad Story, District 4; Robert Cook, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley, and Carson, 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 September 4, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were no Special Announcements.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

Citizen Communications: Commissioner Chad Story of District 4 stated that he is concerned about the pedestrian tunnel that is to be discussed in item 3 on the agenda. He stated that he is concerned about the tunnel being built before the surrounding area is developed which would leave the tunnel dormant for years, and about maintenance of the tunnel during the dormant time period.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **T-Square Engineering presenting off site road improvement plans to Southall Road and Carter's Creek Pike. (HC Tyson; CC District 9, Morton/Williams)**

Blake Turner of T-Square Engineering stated that TDOT approved the plans to relocate the intersection, install turn lanes and a traffic signal at Southall Road and Carter's Creek Pike. Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the improvement plans to relocate the intersection and install turn lanes and a traffic signal at Southall Road and Carter's Creek Pike. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. **T-Square Engineering presenting off site road improvement plans to Mile End Road and Carter's Creek Pike. (HC Tyson; CC District 11, Beathard/Aiello)**

Blake Turner of T-Square Engineering stated that TDOT approved the offsite road improvement plans to Mile End Road at Carter's Creek Pike. Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans to Mile End Road at Carter's Creek Pike. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. **Resolution 10-19-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF A PLANNED PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS TO BE LOCATED UNDER STATE ROUTE 96. (HC Wilson; CC District 4, Story/Lawrence)**

Chairman Anderson stated that the TDOT Chief Engineer approached him a couple of months ago regarding constructing a pedestrian tunnel under Highway 96 East near Trinity Elementary School, and then turning it over to the County for maintenance once the road improvements are complete on Highway 96 East. He stated that the construction of the tunnel is being privately funded and will be of no cost to the County.

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Chairman Anderson stated that he spoke with Mr. Horne, Community Development Director, and Mr. Hampton, Director of Parks and Recreation, and both agreed that it will be good for the community with the possibility of adding walking trails and green space once the area becomes developed. He added that maintenance of the tunnel will primarily be to keep the tunnel free of debris.

Mr. Horne stated that it will be much like the pedestrian tunnel near Publix at Fieldstone Farms. He added that the tunnel there was constructed prior to Hillsboro Road being widened to four lanes and added that putting the pedestrian tunnel in now will be more cost effective than waiting until the area is already developed.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 10-19-13. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Resolution 10-19-12 A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG MCCANLESS ROAD AND SANFORD ROAD IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Little/Lothers)

Superintendent Hood stated that the speed limit will be lowered from 45 mph to 40 mph, and recommended approval.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 10-19-12. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. Resolution 10-19-4 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST DESIGNATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AS A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY.

County Attorney Cook stated that in 2016 a law was changed to provide Utility Companies the ability to provide broadband and internet services. The law also created a department to oversee State Grants provided to these companies and to some private companies. In order for Williamson County to qualify as a Broadband Ready Community, a policy has to be adopted so that these companies can fast track the process and apply for the grant funds. He added that a policy already exists for companies working in the County rights-of-way; however, it will need to be amended so that the fee can't be over \$100.00 for the application, the County will have to respond within 30 days of the application, and there will be one point of contact. Performance bonds will still have to be provided. This will make it faster and easier for Broadband Companies to get broadband service to citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval, adding that this will create jobs.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of Resolution 10-19-4. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson 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 was not aware of any road issues to report.

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

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

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Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood acknowledged the September Activity Report and stated that the department is currently working on Osburn Road and on the Arno-College Grove Road Bridge. He added that the department has 3500 tons of road salt with access to more if there is a need for it.

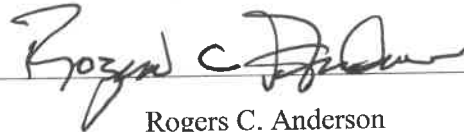
Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson had no further issues to present.

Legal Issues: There were no legal issues to present.

There was no other business to address.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 am.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor