

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

July 1, 2020

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in accordance with Governor Lee's Executive Order No. 16 and 34, the Williamson County Highway Commission meeting was held by teleconference on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Highway Commission Chairman and County Mayor, Rogers Anderson and Commissioners Stan Tyson, David Coleman, and Wayne Davis agreed unanimously by voice vote to hold the meeting electronically. Commissioner Charles Wilson was unable to participate.

Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Highway Department; Nena Graham, Budget Director, Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, William Andrews, Engineering; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Chad Collier, Collier Engineering; Commissioner Jerry Rainey, District 8, and Robert Cook, County Attorney, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson were also on the teleconference.

The meeting was broadcast on Comcast Channel 3, Charter Channel 192, AT&T Channel 99, United Communications Channel 207, and on You Tube at www.youtube.com/user/wctvnet/live for public access.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for the approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. A voice vote was taken as follows: Tyson, yes; Coleman, yes; Davis, yes; Anderson, yes. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Special Announcements: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Commissioner Tyson and his family following the loss of his wife of 66 years.

Citizen Communications: There were no Citizen Communications.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 7-20-1 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN FARMS AT CLOVERCROFT, SECTION 1 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF CLOVERCROFT ROAD. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Little/Lothers).

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyson to accept the roads in the Farms at Clovercroft Subdivision, Section 1 as a part of the County road system. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. A voice vote was taken as follows: Tyson, yes; Coleman, yes; Davis, yes; Anderson, yes. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

2. Resolution 7-20-2 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN HARTS LANDMARK SUBDIVISION AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF HARTLAND ROAD. (HC Wilson; CC District 8, Sturgeon/Rainey).

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the roads in Harts Landmark Subdivision into the County road system. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. A voice vote was taken as follows: Tyson, yes; Coleman, yes; Davis, yes; Anderson, yes. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

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3. Resolution 7-20-11 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020-21 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$1,900,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS – REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval.

Commissioner Tyson asked if these funds will be used for ongoing projects or new projects. Superintendent Hood replied that it would be used for new projects.

Ms. Graham stated that a portion of these funds are from a Governors Grant that no longer requires an application process.

Mr. Collier stated that some of the new projects include Holly Tree Gap Road, a round-about on Farmington Drive, and Arno Road.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of Resolution 7-20-11. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson. A voice vote was taken as follows: Coleman, yes; Tyson, yes; Davis, yes; Anderson, yes. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

4. Resolution 7-20-31 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG WILHOITE LANE IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert).

Superintendent Hood stated that Wilhoite Lane is a dead end road, however; there is a lot of new construction on the road. He added that it was requested that the speed limit be changed from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Commissioner Coleman stated that he would like to have the Sheriff's Department patrol the area for a while.

Commissioner Coleman moved to reduce the speed limit on Wilhoite Lane from 30 mph to 25 mph. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis. A voice vote was taken as follows: Coleman, yes; Davis, yes; Tyson, yes; Anderson, yes. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Highway Commission District Reports:

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

Commissioner Wilson: He was unable to participate.

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

Commissioner Tyson: Commissioner Tyson stated that he has two concerns regarding possible liability for the County. The first concern is in the Fernvale area where a subdivision is being built near Russell Road on a very steep incline. The second concern is off Highway 96 West at Dora Whitley Road where a steep street comes out onto Highway 96 leading into a curve.

Mr. Heflin stated that currently there is no standard for private drives and added that the County won't be asked to accept these drives into the County road system. He added that private drives will be considered the next time Subdivision Regulations are updated.

County Attorney Cook stated that there is no liability to the County for private drives. He added that there is no duty on the County's part to approve private roads.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood acknowledged the Activity Report for June. He added that the department is busy with paving and construction projects as well as bush hogging the County rights-of-way.

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Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson stated that the July 13th County Commission meeting will be held electronically and should go rapidly. He stated that the County Seal is being called into question. It will take a 2/3 majority vote to change the Seal, he added. The COVID-19 situation continues to stress the County at large. He stated that the number of cases have spiked and that testing is averaging 500 a day with a four day turnaround for results. Schools are expected to open on time, however; this plan is subject to change depending on the virus statistics.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 a.m.
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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor