

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING
September 2, 2020

County Attorney Cook: If there are no objections from the members, and subject to Executive Order No. 60, the Highway Commission members determine that it is necessary for the Highway Commission meeting to be held electronically to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Commissioners were asked if there were any objections. No objections were noted. With no objections noted, the meeting proceeded.

Roll Call: Davis, present; Coleman, present; Wilson, present; Tyson, joined the meeting shortly after roll call; Anderson, present.

Also on the teleconference were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Highway Department; Nena Graham, Budget Director, Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, and William Andrews, Engineering, Kevin Fortney, Williamson County Schools.

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 July 1, 2020 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Davis. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Tyson, aye; Coleman, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Governor Lee extended electronic meetings through September.

Citizen Communications: There were no Citizen Communications.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. REPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BELL POND LANE AND BELL MEADOW COURT, BELL POND SUBDIVISION, AS A PART OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Lothers/Little).

Superintendent Hood stated that initially there were problems with the roads in Bell Pond Subdivision causing the bond to be called. He added that the required improvements were made to the roads, and he feels comfortable recommending acceptance. Staff also recommended acceptance.

A motion to accept the Report for Acceptance of the aforementioned roads in Bell Pond Subdivision was made by Commissioner Wilson. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Wilson, aye; Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Anderson, aye. The Report for Acceptance passed unanimously, 5-0.

2. Resolution 9-20-17 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 – 2021 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$211,426.52 FOR PAVING EXPENSES, REVENUES TO COME FROM STATE AID PROGRAM.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. He stated that these are State Aid funds to reimburse the County for the paving of Murray Lane, and will go into paving expenses. A motion for approval of Resolution 9-20-17 was made by Commissioner Coleman. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution 9-20-17 as follows: Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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3. Resolution 9-20-31 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG GARDENGATE DRIVE AND GARDENRIDGE DRIVE IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. (HC Tyson; CC District 8, Sturgeon/Rainey).

Superintendent Hood recommended approval. He stated that these roads are in a subdivision that is located off of Sneed Road. He added that County Commissioners Sturgeon and Rainey asked to reduce the speed limit on these roads from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of Resolution 9-20-31. It was seconded by

Commissioner Davis.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Kevin Fortney addressed the Commission requesting an update regarding traffic signalization at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike for the new school on Henpeck Lane.

Chairman Anderson stated that this item of business is not on the agenda for consideration today and referred the decision to consider Mr. Fortney's request to legal counsel.

County Attorney Cook stated that a vote can be held as a courtesy.

Commissioner Coleman made the motion to issue a letter to TDOT giving the County's recommendation for the traffic signalization. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Wilson, aye; Davis, aye; Anderson, aye. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports:

Commissioner Davis: Commissioner Davis remarked about the height of the Johnson grass growing on the rights-of-way in his district.

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

Commissioner Coleman: Commissioner Coleman asked if the stimulus money was received. The Budget Director stated that the stimulus money was received and will be going into the Capital Projects Fund. She also stated that it will be brought before the September County Commission.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Wilson stated that he has been speaking with Superintendent Hood and Commissioner Rainey regarding a speed limit issue in Hidden Valley Subdivision. He stated that a survey was taken that showed a 91.5% participation among the residents in Hidden Valley and also that the Sheriff's Department set up radar and detected that speeding is indeed a problem. Superintendent Hood suggested contacting Collier Engineering and exchanging information for Collier to conduct a traffic study so that a recommendation report can possibly be presented at the October meeting.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood acknowledged the Activity Report for August. He added that the department is busy with paving and construction projects as well as bush hogging the County rights-of-way. He added that the heavy rains have caused the vegetation on the rights-of-way to grow rapidly and crews are out cutting it back as quickly as possible.

Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson stated that the mask mandate has been lifted in Williamson County. All County Offices require a mask and a temperature check. He added that hopefully the COVID statistics will continue to decline.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor