

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

April 7, 2021

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

County Attorney Cook provided the following statement: If there are no objections from the members, and subject to Executive Order No. 78, the Highway Commission members have determined 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. With no objections noted, the meeting proceeded.

The meeting is being broadcast on the Williamson County Television Network, and on You Tube at www.youtube.com/user/wctvnet/live for public access.

Chairman Anderson conducted roll call: Davis, present; Coleman, present; Wilson, present; Tyson, present; 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; Robert Cook, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson; Nathan McVey of T Square Engineering; Kevin Fortney, Eric Gardner, Williamson County School District; County Commissioners Herbert and Hester of the 2nd District, and Diane Giddens, Williamson County Chief of Staff.

Chairman Anderson asked for the approval of the minutes of the March 3, 2021 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. By roll call vote the March 3, 2021 Highway Commission minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0. Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Anderson, aye.

Special Announcements:

Citizen Communications:

Elections and Appointments: Commissioner Wilson (NE District) and Tyson (NW District) were sworn in for another two year term prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Nathan McVey of T-Square Engineering presenting offsite road improvement plans on Lewisburg Pike and Bethesda Road at Fairhaven Subdivision. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert).**

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend approval. Superintendent Hood stated that he and Mr. Collier reviewed the plans which will entail widening of the driveway, the addition of a turn lane on Bethesda Road at Lewisburg Pike and a decel/turn lane on Lewisburg Pike at Bethesda Road. Mr. McVey was on hand to answer questions.

Commissioner Hester asked if there would be improvements on Lewisburg Pike. Mr. McVey answered yes.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans on Bethesda Road and Lewisburg Pike. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0 by roll call vote.

Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

- 2. REPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TOLL BRIDGE WAY, MEAD PARK DRIVE, MEAD PARK COURT, AND TOLL ROAD COURT, VALE CREEK SUBDIVISION AS A PART OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert).**

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend acceptance. Commissioner Coleman moved for acceptance of the Report for Acceptance of the aforementioned streets in Vale Creek Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0 by roll call vote.

Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

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3. **REPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIVERA COURT, GRASSHOPPER COURT, FRENCH RIVER ROAD, BOBWHITE TRAIL, WATERBRIDGE DRIVE, AND SIERRA POINT, ARRINGTON RETREAT SUBDIVISION SECTION FOUR, AS A PART OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Little/Lothers).**

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend acceptance. Commissioner Wilson moved for acceptance of the Report for Acceptance of the aforementioned streets in Arrington Retreat Subdivision, Section Four. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0 by roll call vote.

Wilson, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Anderson, aye.

4. **Kevin Fortney of the Williamson County School System regarding traffic signalization at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike. (HC Coleman; CC District 2, Hester/Herbert).**

Mr. Fortney along with Eric Gardner, Williamson County Schools Engineer and Assistant Director of Facilities presented an update on the signalization at the intersection of Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike. Mr. Fortney stated that the Legacy Middle School project is complete. He added that one of the conditions for approval by this Board was to conduct a traffic study at the intersection. The study was conducted which concluded that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike. Design plans were then submitted to the State and were approved for two mast arm type signals as well as lane improvements, shoulder improvements which included an asphalt overlay on Lewisburg Pike, and a small sidewalk installed in front of the daycare center at the corner of the intersection.

Superintendent Hood stated that he and Mr. Collier reviewed the plans and recommend approval, adding that this traffic light is long overdue.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the traffic signalization plan at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Tyson asked if the signalization would be operational on a full time basis or if it would be utilized only during school hours. Mr. Fortney replied that it would be a fully functional traffic signal at all times for all three directions.

Commissioner Coleman asked for an estimated time of completion. Mr. Fortney replied that the bid documents will go out by the end of the month. The response time on the bids is generally 15 days. He added that he anticipates six to nine months for the completion of the project adding that there is a six to nine month backlog on obtaining the poles. He stated that the contractor will go ahead and start on the infrastructure so that when the poles are available the traffic signal will be complete. Commission Coleman stated that it is his hope that the signal is operational by the time school starts back in the fall.

Commissioner Herbert stated that she gets many calls from constituents regarding this intersection and thanked Mr. Fortney.

Commissioner Hester expressed the same sentiment as Commissioner Herbert.

Chairman Anderson stated that within the last 30 days, four additional traffic signals on State routes were added to the list of traffic signals that are maintained by the Highway Department. Superintendent Hood stated that the County now maintains 15 traffic signals throughout the County at a cost of approximately \$12,000 a year not to mention the liability.

The traffic signalization plan at Henpeck Lane and Lewisburg Pike was approved unanimously, 5-0 by roll call vote. Coleman, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Tyson, aye; Anderson, aye.

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Highway Commission District Reports:

Commissioner Davis: Commissioner Davis reported on the excellent job the Highway Department did during the recent flooding event.

Commissioner Tyson: Commissioner Tyson had no road issues to report.

Commissioner Coleman: Commissioner Coleman had no road issues to report but thanked the Highway Department staff for the excellent job they did in the recent flood.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Wilson had no road issues to report.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood reported on an eventful couple of weeks. He stated that 61 roads in the County had some type of damage. He reported that 100 High Water signs had to be put out during the flood. He added that it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get everything cleaned up and fixed and stated that his staff did a great job.


Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson reported that the May 5th Highway Commission meeting will be held in person at the Williamson County Highway Department auditorium. He reported that COVID cases are down in the County and urged everyone to get vaccinated and continue to take precautions. He added that applications for building permits are at an all-time record with 103 permits issued in one month. The Budget Committee will be in session for two days hearing the various department's budgets for fiscal year 2021/22. He reported that employee raises were frozen in fiscal year 2020/21. A 4% employee raise is recommended for this fiscal year.

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

Commissioner Herbert thanked Superintendent Hood and staff for the excellent job they've done in the ice storm and in the recent flood and added that she is proud to approve the 4% raise.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:04 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor