

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING
July 7, 2021

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 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, Wayne Davis, and Charles Wilson. Commissioner Coleman was unable to attend.

Also present were: Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, and Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Director; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; 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 June 2, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed, 4-0.

Special Announcements: There were no Special Announcements.

Citizen Communications: Steve Anderson, 560 Beech Creek Road South, inquired about the status of resurfacing Beech Creek Road South. He stated that it was supposed to have been completed in May and asked for an update.

Mr. Boll stated that he'd speak with Mr. Anderson about it after the meeting.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Merrill with Ragan-Smith Associates Inc. presenting offsite road improvement plans for Vaughn Road at Gallop Run Subdivision. (HC Tyson; CC District 8, Rainey/Sturgeon).**

Mr. Boll stated that Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Staff also recommended approval.

Mr. Collier stated that he spoke with Mr. Merrill at Superintendent Hood's request to add a requirement to the existing improvement plan which will include paving Vaughn Road all the way across from shoulder to shoulder.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans for Vaughn Road at Gallop Run Subdivision as amended by Superintendent Hood via Mr. Collier requiring Vaughn Road to be paved all the way across from shoulder to shoulder. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

2. **Kasey LeRoy with CSDG presenting offsite road improvement plans for Long Lane at Duquette Subdivision. (HC Coleman; CC District 12, Smith/Ausbrooks).**

Mr. Boll stated that Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Staff also recommended approval.

It was noted by Mr. Horne that the name of the subdivision was changed from Duquette to St. Marlo Subdivision.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans to Long Lane at St. Marlo Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed, 4-0.

3. **Resolution 7-21-13 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021-22 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING UP TO \$880,000 FOR MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY PROJECTS AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT – REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE.**

Mr. Boll stated that this Resolution is for the Capital money that follows the approval of the Highway Budget. The funds were included in the original budget.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 7-21-13. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

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- 4. Resolution 7-21-34 RESOLUTION TO NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON McDANIEL ROAD EAST THE “MAJOR DALE L. BERRETT MEMORIAL BRIDGE” FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS CITIZENS. (HC Coleman; CC District 5, Little/Lothers).**

Mr. Tevin Berrett, son of Major Dale L. Berrett stated that his father began his military service in the 1950's and retired in 1994. He was in the 101st Airborne Honor Guard for four years and transferred to the Air Force, became a pilot, and was part of the Air National Guard. During his time in the Military Major Berrett served in the Korean War.

The bridge to be named for Major Berrett is located on McDaniel Road and is the bridge closest to the 300 acre farm where Major Berrett resided at 6335 McDaniel Road.

Mr. Boll stated that the signs for the bridge are ordered. There will be a sign on both sides of the bridge, and a date for the ceremony will be set when the signs arrive.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of Resolution 7-21-34. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed, 4-0.

Highway Commission District Reports:

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

Commissioner Coleman: Commissioner Coleman was unable to attend.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Report: Mr. Boll stated that Superintendent Hood requested Mr. Scott Roy of Signature Homes to come to the meeting today to report on the status of the offsite road improvements to McDaniel Road at McDaniel Estates Subdivision.

Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson recognized Mr. Scott Roy and asked him to proceed with his report.

Mr. Roy stated that the west wall is complete. Work on the waterline will begin today. He added that the east wall construction will begin by August 6th with the paving to follow. He reported that the project will be complete by August 13, 2021 in time for the start of school. Mr. Roy stated that the project is behind schedule partially due to weather events and partially due to acquiring easements and rights-of-way. He added that it is his opinion that the County should have been responsible for acquiring the rights-of-way and easements.

Chairman Anderson stated that it is the responsibility of the Developer to acquire easements and rights-of-way in Williamson County. He added that the County has the authority to recall the bond if the work is not done in a satisfactory manner.

Chairman Anderson stated that the County Commission meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. on Monday July 12th and that the budget is expected to pass. He added that the last public hearing on the tax rate was held last night and the tax rate will be dropping.

Chairman Anderson informed everyone that he will be delivering the State of the County Address later this month and touched on some of the main points of the Address.

He stated that Williamson County was incorporated in 1799 and is 221 years old. He reported that the County population has grown exponentially, adding that the population today is just north of 245,000 and is expected to double by the year 2040. He stated that 20 schools have been built in the County just since the year 2000 and reported that just 10 years ago the assessed value of the County was 30 billion dollars. As of December 31st 2020 the assessed value is approximately 65 Billion dollars. Chairman Anderson reported that over the next five years the County is planning for and expecting to need a half billion dollars for schools and 180 billion dollars for a new jail facility and a juvenile center. All this is in addition to the normal everyday operations of running the County Government. He stated that in 1998/99 the State Legislature passed Public Chapter 1101 that required Cities and Counties in Tennessee to compile a 20 year growth plan, adding that it is now time to assess another 20 year growth plan. Chairman Anderson then asked Michael Matteson to report on the Comprehensive Growth Plan.

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Mr. Matteson stated that in March of 2020 the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted. The plan recommended two main changes. The first change was to reduce allowable residential densities in rural areas from one unit per acre to one unit per five acres. This change in zoning was adopted by the County Commission in November of 2020.

The second recommendation was for the County to work with the six County Municipalities on a regional growth plan not only to reduce rural density but to also help make development in and around cities more feasible. He stated that they have started working with the six County Municipalities to look at future amendments to the overall County growth plan which is important to ensure managed growth where it is fiscally sustainable and supported by infrastructure.


Chairman Anderson concluded that the Comprehensive Growth Plan provides projections where future schools will be needed and how to fund all the schools that will be needed over the next 20 years. He reported that the debt load of the County currently is 818 million dollars. He added that sixty percent of the debt will be paid off in 10 years and reported that Williamson County is the fastest growing County in the State with approximately 5000 people moving here a year.

Chairman Anderson then gave a brief overview of the Federal American Rescue Plan which will bring 45 Million dollars to Williamson County to be used for COVID related improvements.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor