

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 5, 2022**

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 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, Charles Wilson, Stan Tyson, and David Coleman. Commissioner Wayne Davis was unable to attend.

Also present were: Highway Superintendent, Eddie Hood; Elaine Vasquez, Brandon Wright, Highway Department; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; William Andrews, Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Phoebe Reilly, Assistant Budget Director; County Commissioner Jerry Rainey, District 8; Kenneth Young, 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 December 1, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The December 1, 2021 Highway Commission meeting minutes were approved unanimously, 4-0.

**Special Announcements:** Nena Graham, Budget Director introduced the Assistant Budget Director, Phoebe Reilly.

**Citizen Communications:** There were no Special Announcements.

**Elections and Appointments:** There were no Elections and Appointments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Request from Austin Render, on behalf of Whiskey Odyssey, to utilize public roads under the jurisdiction of Williamson County Highway Department located in the unincorporated area within Williamson County which are more specifically described in the attached documentation, to conduct recreational bicycle events to be held May 21, 2022 and May 22, 2022 beginning each day at 7:00 a.m. and concluding each day at approximately 4:00 p.m.**

Maurine Thornton of the Convention and Visitors Bureau stated that the Whiskey Odyssey is the first event of its type to be held in Williamson County and will have a positive impact on the local economy. Five hundred participants are expected to attend and utilize local hotels.

Austin Render presented an overview of the Whiskey Odyssey event including traffic control and safety plans. He stated that the Whiskey Odyssey is a cycling event by day with tours of local distilleries in the evening. No alcohol consumption will be allowed during the cycling portion of the event. He added that signage will go up on State and County roads two weeks in advance. Route signage will go up the day of the event. The event will be promoted on Social Media as well as radio and television ads which will keep the community informed. A shuttle service to and from the event will be provided for attendees.

Superintendent Hood stated that he is in support of the event provided that no paint is used on the roadways. He stated that only biodegradable options are allowable. He added that traffic laws are to be enforced as well.

Commissioner Tyson stated that the cyclists should travel single file with no side by side riders.

Commissioner Tyson requested an amendment to the approval of the request by Austin Render on behalf of Whiskey Odyssey that states:

Approval of the request for use of roads within the jurisdiction of the Williamson County Highway Department in conjunction with the Whiskey Odyssey, to be held on May 21, and 22, 2022, is granted with the contingency that the applicant must receive prior written approval from other appropriate jurisdictions for travel on or crossing other streets/roads involved in the event in Williamson County which lay outside the jurisdiction of the Williamson County Highway Department.

Mr. Render stated that all requirements will be met.

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Superintendent Hood recommended approval, provided that all traffic laws are enforced and biodegradable markings are used on the roads.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the request as amended to utilize County roads for the Whiskey Odyssey event to be held on May 21, and 22, 2022. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 2. Request from Kevin Brian of Harpeth Valley Utility District to close a portion of Manley Lane to install a waterline on January 22, and 23, 2022. (HC Wilson; CC District 8, Rainey/Sturgeon).**

Jeff Seal of Garney Construction stated that this project will take place over the weekend of January 22, and 23, 2022. He added that detour routes have been established as well as a traffic control plan.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of the request to close a portion of Manley Lane to install a waterline on January 22, and 23, 2022. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 3. Haley Hall of CSDG presenting offsite road improvement plans on Lampkins Bridge Road at Reeds Vale Subdivision. (HC Wilson; CC District 5, Lothers/Little).**

Kasey Leroy of CSDG presented offsite road improvement plans on Lampkins Bridge Road at Reeds Vale Subdivision and stated that she has been working with Chad Collier on these plans.

Superintendent Hood stated that he is satisfied with the offsite road improvement plans. He and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans on Lampkins Bridge Road at Reeds Vale Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 4. Haley Hall of CSDG presenting offsite road improvement plans on Gosey Hill Road at St. Marlo Subdivision. (HC Coleman; HC District 12, Smith/Ausbrooks).**

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Superintendent Hood stated that he is satisfied with the offsite road improvement plans. He and Staff recommend approval.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the offsite road improvement plans on Gosey Hill Road at St. Marlo Subdivision. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 5. Resolution 1-22-18 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS, ROADS, FIRE PROTECTION, AND RECREATION.**

Superintendent Hood stated that this Resolution is a part of the annual budgetary process and recommended approval.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of Resolution 1-22-18. It was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 6. Resolution 1-22-22 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD LIST.**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval.

Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the 2022 Williamson County Road List. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.

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7. **Resolution 1-22-23 RESOLUTION RENAMING HICKMAN-WILLIAMSON ROAD AS WEST OLD COX PIKE ON THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD LIST. (HC Davis; CC District 1, Jones/Jones).**

Superintendent Hood stated that renaming the western half of Hickman-Williamson Road to West Old Cox Pike has gone through all the proper channels with EMA. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 1-22-23. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.

8. **Resolution 1-22-26 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG A PORTION OF CLOVERCROFT ROAD IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. (HC Wilson; CC District 4, Story/Lawrence).**

Superintendent Hood recommended approval to drop the speed limit along a portion of Clovercroft Road from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 1-22-26. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.

**Highway Commission District Reports:**

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

**Commissioner Coleman:** Commissioner Coleman had no road issues to report.

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

**Commissioner Davis:** Commissioner Davis was unable to attend.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood reported that the Department is gearing up for the predicted snow and ice event. He stated that snow plows and salt spreaders are ready and the crews will be on 12 hour shifts until road conditions are safe.

**Legal Issues:** County Attorney Young presented a letter to Victor Lay, Town Manager of Nolensville to be sent upon approval by the Highway Commission to grant the Town of Nolensville permission to annex its interest in portions of Williams Road.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval of the annexation.

Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of the annexation of a portion of Williams Road. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed unanimously, 4-0.


**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson reported a change to the budgetary process this year. He called on Ms. Graham to explain the change.

Ms. Graham stated that the State Comptroller's Office is strongly urging all Counties and Municipalities to have their budgets approved prior to July 1, 2022. She explained that the County Commission will convene on June 27<sup>th</sup> in an evening session to approve the Budget and to hear Appropriations Resolutions, Tax Rate Resolutions and Non Profit Resolutions. The regularly scheduled County Commission meeting will convene on July 11, 2022 in an evening session to hear any amendments to the budget.

Chairman Anderson also reported on the employment challenges the County is currently facing, and possible solutions to recruit new employees and retain the current work force.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.

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**Rogers C. Anderson**  
**Chairman and County Mayor**