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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker, and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chairman; David Coleman, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Mike Matteson and Ann Haines, Planning Department; Floyd Heflin, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the December 5, 2007 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Mr. Horne announced that a seminar on Context Sensitive Solutions would be held on February 6-7, 2008 at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville by TDOT. Mr. Horne stated he would make reservations for any of the Highway Commissioners if they were interested in attending.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll stated that they were continuing to work with the architects on details of the plans and are waiting for action on the resolution to override the Franklin Planning Commission at the January 14th County Commission meeting.

Major Thoroughfare Plan Update. Mr. Heflin referenced previous Highway Commission minutes from June 3, 1992 where Mr. Horne presented the Major Thoroughfare Plan (1992-2010) which subsequently passed in July, 1992. The plan was again presented on December 6, 1995. At this time the plan was for 1995 – 2015.

Commissioner Tyson asked what impact the plan has on the Highway Commission.

Mr. Horne explained that the Major Thoroughfare Plan covers possible future road issues rather than current local road issues and primarily for MPO/TDOT planning primarily for state routes. Mr. Horne stated that there was a gap between the planning area and the implementation function and that the plan should be a collaborative effort between the Highway Commission and the Planning Commission. Mr. Horne stated that money has been identified to update the Thoroughfare Plan and it will then be called the Southwest Mobility Study. In addition, Mr. Horne reiterated that since the previous plan was developed, there are many more complex issues to consider including cities and other counties and how they influence our roads.

There was discussion about the need for a regional plan and keeping the Highway Commission as part of the process.

On another matter, Chair Anderson stated that on December 19, 2007, Stansell Electric was the low bidder on the intersection improvements at Highway 96 and Old Hillsboro Road which involves federal, state and local funds. Chair Anderson stated that when the County is able to use some of its own money on certain projects to be completed at the State level, it helps to move the project up on the state's priority list.

Supt. Hood gave an update on the bridges in Williamson County in response to a letter from the State of Tennessee received in August 2007 noting that four bridges (i.e., Southall, Cross Keys, Clovercroft and South Harpeth) need some minor cosmetic improvements along with a weight limit sign on Arno College Grove. The Southall bridge is a State Aid bridge, he concluded.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1-08-10. **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2008 WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD LIST.** Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Commissioner Tyson asked about dead end roads, specifically Russell Road, which is now a gravel road and if it can be improved without widening the road. Mr. Cook stated that if the road is improved, it needs to meet minimum width standards.

Commissioner Tyson stated because it is a short road with very little traffic that it doesn't make sense to have a 20 foot road. Mr. Cook stated that the County Commission has the authority to approve the road list and the road classifications, but the Highway Commission can recommend a change to them.

Chair Anderson asked about the status of Old Charlotte as it has not been improved in years except for pot hole repair.

Supt. Hood stated that routine maintenance is okay without widening a road. For instance, he stated, Old Charlotte is oil and chip now and it could be resurfaced with oil and chip in the same manner. Russell Road is currently graveled and it can be resurfaced with gravel without widening it, he stated.

Mr. Campbell stated that there are no ditches on Old Charlotte and it has not been resurfaced in 15 years. It could be plowed and reworked with oil and chip and be considered maintenance. Even without ditches, it could be resurfaced with oil and chip and expected to last about seven to ten years.

Mr. Cook suggested that a sub classification could be established before January of 2009 and voted on next year when the next road list resolution is brought for approval.

There was discussion about placing Old Charlotte on the 08/09 road repair list which begins in July 2008. However, the entire length of Old Charlotte will be repaired with oil and chip during this year.

After further discussion, Commissioner Tyson asked Mr. Cook to bring back verbiage for a sub classification on dead end roads by June 2008 so it can be available for the road list enacted in January of 2009, which may permit flexibility for paving on Russell Road.

The motion to recommend approval of the current Road List Resolution passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 1-08-11. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SUMMER HILL, SECTION 2 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF HENPECK LANE.** Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Mr. Heflin stated that staff recommended approval.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

District Reports: There were no district reports.

Superintendent Report: Supt. Hood referenced the December 2007 Activity Report and the current paving schedule. He had no further report.

Chairman=s Report: The chair had no report.

Legal Issues: No closed session was needed. Mr. Cook gave an update on the Temple Road outstanding easements stating that the court date for the Morales, Rose and Jett properties is set for February 19, 2008. The Covington property condemnation will be filed soon, he concluded.

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Chair Anderson stated that the Highway Commission would resume meeting in the Auditorium for the February 6, 2008 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m., upon duly made motion and second, as there was no further business.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor