

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Renis Baker, and Stan Tyson. County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson and Highway Commissioner Dick Fowlkes were unable to attend.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chairman; David Coleman, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Mike Matteson, Planning Department; William Andrews, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier and Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Commissioner Tyson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. due to the absence of the Chair and asked for approval of the January 2, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments:

Commissioner Tyson explained that two (2) Highway Commission terms are expiring, Commissioner Bennett in the southeast district and Commissioner Baker in the southwest District. He stated that both of these individuals have indicated a willingness to serve a subsequent two (2) year term.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend Commissioner Bennett for re-election to the Highway Commission for an additional two (2) year term, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend Commission Baker for re-election to the Highway Commission for another two (2) year term; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll stated that the County Commission had overridden the Franklin Planning Commission in January and they were working with the architects on the final details of the plans, expecting to start grading in March, 2008 on the new facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of sight distance issues at Cartwright Close subdivision on Hidden Valley Road. Mr. Andrews stated that the purpose of this request was because the extension of the Cartwright Close access to Hidden Valley Road will create a new, three-way intersection at the point of the near 90-degree curve in Hidden Valley Road where Hidden Valley Road changes from an east-west roadway to a north-south roadway. The access point will have a sight distance limitation for westbound Hidden Valley Road traffic attempting to execute a left-turn into the new access, he explained. The sight distance restriction is attributable to the curvature of the roadway, a line of trees along the north and east side of the roadway and the existing posted speed limit. When the developer came to the Planning Commission, the commission requested that this sight distance issue be resolved. The developer wanted to trim the trees on Hidden Valley; however, they received no cooperation from the landowner, he continued. As a reduction of the speed limit was not desirable, they worked to plan a three-way stop and the staff recommended approval of the plans as shown, Mr. Andrews concluded.

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Jennifer Greer, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, explained that they were proposing a three way stop for safety, including a left hand turn lane.

Supt. Hood stated that this was the best possible solution to this particular scenario and that he had spoken with Commissioner Fowlkes, who was okay with this plan. Supt. Hood requested that a “Stop Sign Ahead” sign also be posted to warn drivers that a new sign had been posted.

Commissioner Baker moved to accept the staff recommendation for the three way stop sign at Hidden Valley Road, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion on the adoption of a highway fund that could be used to assist the State on construction of state roads in unincorporated areas. Mr. Cook explained his memorandum (attachment A) and the various ways that the County might be able to work with the State on state route projects.

Commissioner Tyson stated this information was provided to begin a dialogue on possible ways that Williamson County might be able to move up the priority of some state road projects in Williamson County at the state level. He stated that no action was required today.

Commissioner Baker stated that this idea might help to speed up the process at the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and benefit Williamson County in the long term.

Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for three (3) One Ton Crew Cab Trucks (Attachment B) and that they were recommending the low bid of \$20,470.00 each for a total of \$61,410.00 by Town and Country Ford.

Supt. Hood stated that these were replacement vehicles.

Commissioner Baker moved to recommend the low bid from Town and Country Ford, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for one (1) One Ton Extended Cab Truck (Attachment C) and that they were recommending the low bid of \$19,375.00 by Town and Country Ford.

Supt. Hood reiterated that this was only a replacement vehicle.

Commissioner Baker moved to recommend the low bid from Town and Country Ford, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. There were no district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood stated, “that the volatile weather last night in Williamson County required four highway department crews working in the Fairview area clearing trees out of the roadway.”

Commissioner Tyson asked that the various highway commissioners always be informed in the future when there are problems in their particular districts as soon as reasonably possible.

Supt. Hood referenced the January 2008 Activity Report.

Highway Chairman Report. There was no report.

Legal Issues. At this time, the Highway Commission recessed to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

The meeting reconvened with **RESOLUTION FINDING IT NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD TO AUTHORIZE THE UTILIZATION OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE NEEDED PROPERTY OWNED BY COVINGTON PARTNERS, L.P. TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TEMPLE ROAD PROJECT** (Attachment D), being read into the record by Commissioner Tyson.

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Commissioner Tyson continued by stating that “now that, being resolved, that the Williamson County Highway Commission, meeting in regular session this the 6yh day of February, 2008, finding that the Temple Road Project is necessary and for the public good, and finding that the portion of property owned by Covington Partners, L.P. found at Tax Map 026, Parcel 015.00 and as more fully described in Exhibit A, is needed for the completion of the Temple Road Construction Project hereby authorizes the use of eminent domain to acquire the property. Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this resolution.”

After brief discussion, Commissioner Baker moved to accept the resolution as written, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 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