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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson and Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; County Commission Chairman Houston Naron, Jr.; County Commissioner Mary Brockman; David Coleman, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Mike Matteson and Ann Haines, Planning Department; Floyd Heflin, County Engineer; William Andrews, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; County Attorneys Jeff Moseley and Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier and Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; 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 April 2, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: 9th District County Commissioner Mary Brockman, 1407 Old Hillsboro Road, Franklin, spoke about the construction traffic issues on Temple Road and Old Natchez. Commissioner Brockman stated that, at one time, signs for “No Construction Traffic” had been posted, but she understands from Supt. Hood and Mr. Horne that the signs have now been completely removed as they were there originally to protect the new paving last year. Commissioner Brockman stated she was concerned that a pattern had been established for construction vehicles in the area and didn’t know what could be done to encourage their routes back to the main corridor. Secondly, Commissioner Brockman asked if the barrier in River Landing would be removed now that new roads were being accepted with the two resolutions on the agenda today. Thirdly, she asked about the repairs on Old Charlotte. Lastly, Commissioner Brockman stated that she recently attended a UT Advisory Conference at the Ag Park where Mr. Dennis Cook, formerly of TDOT, spoke about “Context Zones” for rural, suburban and urban areas. Commissioner Brockman stated that she believed this concept should be investigated for use in Williamson County.

The Citizen Communication portion of the agenda closed as there were no other speakers.

Chair Anderson responded to the various issues brought forth by Commissioner Brockman by stating that the remaining “No Construction Traffic” sign had been removed from Temple Road. Mr. Andrews stated that the barrier had been removed between Cottonwood and River Landing due to the appropriate build out percentage being met in the subdivision. Supt. Hood stated that regarding Old Charlotte, Commissioner Tyson had placed it on his list to be oil and chipped in 2008/09; but, there were a few places where the surface was giving away; therefore they were patching in some places at this time. Lastly, Chair Anderson asked Commissioner Brockman to get with his staff to obtain the information regarding the Context Zones.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Supt. Hood stated that the TDEC permit for erosion control had been received and the silt fence was in place. The grading process for the new facility has begun, he concluded.

Load Limits on County Roads in 1st District. Chair Anderson stated that this item was a carryover from last month due to problems with heavy construction vehicle damaging certain roads in the 1st district and asked Mr. Collier for his report.

Mr. Collier stated that his consultant quoted a price of \$7,000 to core drill Spencer Mill Road and provide a sub grade sampling analysis to the Highway Commission. He stated it would take approximately 30 to 45 days for this process.

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Supt. Hood stated that, after last month's meeting, the construction traffic issues had improved in this area. He referenced a letter dated October 27, 1999 (Attachment A) where Mr. Randy Butler of the Rogers Group had written to the former Highway Superintendent stating that they were willing to repave the portion of Spencer Mill from the quarry to Highway 100 after SR840 was completed. Supt. Hood stated that he believed the road had been patched, but never repaved.

Commissioner Baker stated that he felt that they should continue to monitor the heavy truck usage on this road.

Chair Anderson stated that a letter should come from Supt. Hood, copying him as the Highway Commission Chair, to Mr. Butler asking about the repaving of the road.

Discussion was held about whether the Highway Commission wishes to have a core sampling done on Spencer Mill Road. Supt. Hood stated that it was his belief that it didn't need to be done at this time. Mr. Collier concurred with Supt. Hood that it would be better to try a non-destructive approach and that the price should be firm for a while. Additionally, Mr. Collier stated that if weight limits are set, they will have to be enforced.

Chair Anderson stated this item should be placed on the agenda next month, with a copy of the letter from Supt. Hood and then again every 60 days for an update on the road situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 5-08-14. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN RIVER LANDING, SECTION 6 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF COTTON LANE.** Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Discussion was held regarding the Highway Commissioner being listed incorrectly on the resolution as it showed Commissioner Fowlkes rather than Commissioner Tyson. This could be corrected as a typo or as an amendment on the floor of the County Commission by the chair.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 5-08-15. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN RIVER LANDING, SECTION 9 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF COTTON LANE.** Commissioner Tyson recommended approval with the change to his district, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval.

Again, it was noted that the Highway District would need to be changed on the original as a typo or as an amendment on the floor of the County Commission.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 5-08-16. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN CHAPELWOOD, SECTION 2 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF CHAPELWOOD DRIVE.** Commissioner Fowlkes moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval, as did Supt. Hood.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that low bid for Pre-Cast Concrete Structures was incomplete from Harvey Culvert Company; therefore, the recommended bid was for Williamson Pipe Company at \$39,013.55 (Attachment B). Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend Williamson Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he had several calls regarding Beech Creek Road and that Supt. Hood had taken care of the calls.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he had recently been in contact with representatives from Berry's Chapel Church of Christ regarding the possibility of opening a closed section of road. Chair Anderson stated that the heirs who originally gave the property to the church were no longer living so this may be a situation like the Oakwood Subdivision. Mr. Cook stated that the property would go back to the property owners who owned the fee interest under the right of way. Chair Anderson stated that the road has been barricaded for a long time and the current generation doesn't know the history of the situation.

There were no other district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the April 2008 Activity Report. He also stated that Carl Road and King Road were going to be closed for a few days. Mr. Cook stated that the insurance had been provided and that the road would only be closed during daylight hours which included yesterday, today and tomorrow. A motion was needed to affirm the action. Chair Anderson stated that filming was taking place on these roads during these times, but alternate routes were available to area residents. After further discussion, Commissioner Baker moved to close the two roads as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson had no report.

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

The meeting reconvened with Commissioner Tyson moving that the Highway Commission authorize the County Attorney's Office to continue negotiations with Mr. and Mrs. Morales, Ms Rose, Mr. Jett, and Covington Partners in litigation on Temple Road within the amount tendered with the court, for an urban curb design, with the exception of negotiable court costs and recorder fees, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

After brief discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 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