

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, June 4, 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: County Commissioner Reba Greer; David Coleman, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Mike Matteson, Planning Director; William Andrews, Engineering Department; Greg Boll, 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; Tim Ham, Mallory Valley Utility District; Alton Hethcoat, Hethcoat & Davis 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 May 7, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Fowlkes moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Chairman Anderson announced that Randy Hickman is representing Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood, in Mr. Hood's absence today.

Citizens Communications: There was none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll distributed and reviewed a timeline for the construction of the new highway facility. He stated that the bids on the project will be opened on June 24, and that the estimated time for building construction is 300 days. Mr. Boll stated that after the bid opening, he will furnish a recommendation from the Architect and Highway Superintendent to the Highway Commission prior to their July meeting.

Follow-up on Load Weight Limits on County Roads. Chair Anderson stated that this item is a carryover from last month due to concerns that heavy construction vehicles are damaging certain roads in the first district. He read the attached letter from Rogers Group into the record. Mr. Butler, Division Vice-President of Rogers Group, stated that they have maintained the road where there were failures, and will continue to keep the road in good condition.

Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Collier to give an overview on the weight limit requirements. Mr. Collier stated that in order to institute weight limits, an engineering report would have to show that damage has occurred as a result of overweight trucks. Mr. Collier stated that the County has no way to weigh trucks. An enforcement procedure would also have to be put in place. Discussion was held about trucks leaving the rock quarry on Spencer Mill Road near Fairview. Mr. Collier said that the weight bill from the quarry is legal tender, but other trucks, e.g. trucks hauling garbage, building materials, blocks, etc. would also need to be weighed. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$7,000 to core drill Spencer Mill Road and provide a sub grade sampling analysis. Chairman Anderson asked if the County could select the roads they want to have tested, and Mr. Collier replied yes.

Commissioner Tyson stated that it appears the Rogers Group is attempting to take care of any roads affected by their trucks.

Chairman Anderson asked if it would help prevent damage to the roads to reduce the speed limit. Mr. Collier said that it would not help, and could make the problem worse.

Commissioner Greer stated that she is more concerned about Rogers Group using the residential roads, especially Crow Cut and Anderson, which are narrow and not intended for commercial use. She stated that she would propose a 15 mph speed limit for trucks, which is intended to deter trucks from using the road. A different speed limit would be posted for cars. Commissioner Greer stated that it would be helpful to know the amount of money spent on maintaining the roads and how much damage is done by trucks. Mr. Boll stated that he will get figures together.

Chairman Anderson stated that this item will be put back on next month's agenda under Old Business. He asked Mr. Collier to get figures together on how much it would cost to implement a program to monitor the weight of trucks.

Clarification on Beech Creek Road closures by Mallory Valley Utility District. It was noted by Mr. Ham and Mr. Davis that it was assumed that the road would need to be closed during

that they are not actually closing the entire road; it is just being closed temporarily with the trencher. They have notified Emergency Communications, the Sheriff's Department and Fire Departments. The road is "closed to through traffic". Mr. Davis said that they have held two public hearings and met with residents individually. The road will be completely open at night. Commissioner Fowlkes moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to approve the plan as submitted and reviewed by County staff. Mr. Collier and Mr. Hickman stated that they are in agreement with the plan. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 6-08-18. Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2007-08 Highway Budget by \$429,336.40 for Additional Costs and Revenues Relating to Tornado Clean-up Efforts. Chairman Anderson stated that the County has not received the reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Boll stated that the reimbursement will include all wages, both regular and overtime. Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Request for Temporary Road Closure by Montan Productions. The roads affected are: Bailey Road, Floyd Road, Leiper's Creek Road, Carl Road, Boyd Mill Road and Sedberry Road, for short intervals on June 4, and possibly June 5 and June 6. Chairman Anderson stated that the required agreements have been signed and proof of insurance provided. Commissioner Tyson moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Bid results for a Towable Air Compressor. Purchasing Agent, Leslie Mitchell, stated that the low bid of \$14,921.00 from Thompson Machinery is being recommended. Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the recommendation, and award the bid. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports: Commissioner Tyson stated that he has received several calls from Temple Road residents concerning the status of the road construction project. There were no other reports.

Commissioner Tyson asked about the possibility of allowing people in to the highway facility construction site to look for Civil War artifacts. Mayor Anderson stated that he would look into the matter. He said that they definitely cannot be on the site when equipment is running, and that it would have to be determined whether artifacts are County property, and whether they may be removed.

Highway Superintendent Report: Mr. Hickman reported that paving has been completed on Parker Branch Road and Stillhouse Road. He said that the bush hog crews have completed their first round of cutting.

Legal Issues. The Commission recessed at approximately 9:10 to go into closed session with legal counsel, and reconvened at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Moseley stated that the Highway Commission members were informed about the status of legal issues regarding Temple Road during the closed session.

Commissioner Tyson made the following motion: I move the Highway Commission approve the plans for Temple Road as provided to respondents on June 3, 2008. If legal counsel cannot reach agreement with respondents, as approved by the County Mayor and Highway Superintendent, within 7 days, counsel is authorized to amend the petition for condemnation to reflect the plan approved today. I further move that Collier Engineering prepare plans for Temple Road that exclude the taking of property from respondents Rose, Morales and Jett for consideration at the July meeting of the Highway Commission should no agreement be reached by the parties.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker, and passed unanimously, 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

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Chairman and County Mayor