

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, August 6, 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 Commissioners Ernie Williams, Reba Greer and Betsy Hester; David Coleman, Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Mike Matteson, Planning Department; William Andrews, Engineering; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier, 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 July 2, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: Commissioner Ernie Williams, 9th District, 106 Kiln Hill Court, stated that he was in support of the request to temporarily close Stable Road in Meadowgreen Subdivision for a block party.

Commissioner Betsy Hester, 2nd District, 112 Valley Ridge Road, stated that the City of Franklin will be widening a portion of Lewisburg Pike from the Goosecreek Bypass to Old Peytonsville Road in the near future. She is concerned about the property at the front of Green Valley Subdivision as well as other individual property owners in this area as there might be environmental issues with septic tanks and soil disturbance. She stated that the City of Franklin will be studying the impact of this widening project.

Mr. Brian Gallis, 6406 Arno College Grove Road, stated that he had questions and concerns regarding the road improvements relating to the Laurel Cove subdivision as how they will impact his property. Mr. Gallis stated he had a small lot near the road and had put in hedges as a protective barrier from the road. He stated that he hoped the road work won't cut into his property or diminish his property value.

Mayor Anderson confirmed with Supt. Hood that this item had been pulled from today's agenda and suggested that Mr. Gallis get with Mr. Collier to go over the details of the proposed road construction.

At this time, the Citizens Communication portion of the agenda closed as there were no further comments.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll explained that they continue to work on the pads and the storm water structures for the new facility. He explained that they have met with PBG Builders recently to go over the project details. The City of Franklin sent feedback to them regarding codes and the road issue running through the project continues to be brought up, he continued. The previous Planning Director is no longer with the city. The Architect and the Highway Department will be meeting with the city to discuss the previous resolution overriding the Planning Commission ruling and move the building permit process forward. Chair Anderson stated that Mr. Cook will get the necessary information to the City of Franklin regarding the override resolution.

Load Limits on County Roads in 1st District. Mr. Collier explained his handout (Attachment A), as requested by Chair Anderson at the last meeting, which shows AASHTO methodology regarding pavement life. The handout states that truck/axle weight does significantly more damage to a road surface than passenger cars which results in more road maintenance.

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Commissioner Tyson stated that he recently visited the Spencer Mill area in question and noticed that there was roadbed deterioration between the Williamson County line and the quarry which needs attention.

Supt. Hood stated that he spoke with Mr. Butler of the Rogers Group who stated that they would repair the road in this area.

Chair Anderson stated that the next logical step is to ask legal counsel to prepare a statement regarding load limit restrictions and the various aspects of enforcement. This will also allow time to digest the new information provided by Mr. Collier. Chair Anderson also asked whether load enforcement can be done in just one section of the County or if the entire County will be affected by load limit restrictions and enforcement. Further, he asked if other counties in Tennessee have implemented load limits and if so, how they are doing it as well as cost figures for doing so.

On another item, Commissioner Tyson asked legal counsel to respond to the point Commissioner Brockman brought up at the last meeting regarding federally recognized roads and if there are any criteria regarding enforcement.

Mr. Cook stated that there were no enforcement restrictions on roads that were classified as heritage roads by the federal organization unless grant money was used, and then restrictions may be in the grant contract.

Commissioner Tyson asked if this information could be sent to Mrs. Brockman and Chair Anderson asked if it could be sent to the Highway Commission and the County Commissioners in that area along with the Commission Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Michelle Simmons for temporary road closure (Stable Road) in Meadowgreen Subdivision. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Commissioner Tyson referenced a letter of support (Attachment B) for this road closure sent to him by Commissioner Brockman for the temporary road closure of Stable Road in the Meadowgreen Subdivision.

Ms. Michelle Simmons of 121 Stable Road and Ms. Marta Littleton of 141 Meadowgreen Road, were present to answer questions regarding the temporary road closure request for September 13, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Tyson asked if everyone living on this section of Stable Road was aware of the potential road closure. Ms. Simmons stated the neighbors were aware and had signed an agreement (Attachment C). Commissioner Tyson asked if there was a plan in case of emergency for homebound persons in the area. Ms. Simmons stated that there were no homebound persons in this section of the neighborhood. She further stated that if there was some sort of emergency situation, they could easily move people from the street. There would be no other obstructions in the street. Commissioner Tyson asked about signage informing the residents about a week or so before the event. Ms. Simmons asked the best way to do this. Supt. Hood stated that a sign on both ends of Stable would be appropriate. Mr. Cook stated that the Highway Department could supply these signs as long as the signage was reusable and that a barriers need to be placed at the end of the section. Chair Anderson stated that they should get with Supt. Hood regarding these details outside of the meeting.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he fully supported this request. Chair Anderson asked the Highway Department to contact the 911 Board to notify them of this event.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Request by Merville & Howe Engineering, Inc. for entrance (turns lanes) at the Estates of Gallant Ridge Subdivision. Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

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Mr. Ron Merville of Merville & Howe Engineering was present to answer any questions.

Supt. Hood asked that the Cedarview Lane connection not be opened until 90% build out of the subdivision to keep construction traffic from going through Cedarmont Farms. Mr. Merville stated that the South Carothers Road entrance will be the construction entrance and that the Cedarview Lane entrance would not be opened until 90% or better of the subdivision was complete.

Mr. Andrews stated that Mr. Heflin had received the plans for the deceleration lane, but they had not been to the Planning Commission yet except for the sketch plan in which they discussed the curb cuts. The construction plans, with the deceleration lane, will need to come to the Planning Commission before final approval of the plans is granted, he stated.

The motion to accept the Merville & Howe request for Gallant Ridge Subdivision, with the modifications as stated above, was unanimously approved 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. There were no district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the July 2008 Activity Report and stated that they have started the 10-hour work days.

Chair Anderson thanked the highway department for their help with the dust at the Williamson County Fair.

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 to authorize legal counsel to obtain an appraisal for the Osborn Property on Bailey Road, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Anderson asked legal counsel for an update on the Temple Road right-of-ways. Mr. Cook stated that Mr. Jett has verbally agreed to sign a right-of-way to save a large tree affected by the road realignment but no final agreement has been reached. The other two property owners, Mr. Morales said that he and Ms. Rose might also be willing to sign a right-of-way document to save other trees since it appears Mr. Jett is going to agree to save the trees.

On another matter, Commissioner Tyson asked Mr. Cook about the use of metal detectors on County-owned property. Mr. Cook stated that this was not permitted for safety reasons at the new Highway facility undergoing construction. Furthermore, if any items were found on County-owned property, the items would belong to the County.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 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