

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, December 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker and Stan Tyson. County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson was unable to attend.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; David Coleman, Budget Director; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chair; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, 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.

Due to the absence of Chair Anderson, Commissioner Tyson was acting chair and called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Chair Tyson asked for approval of the November 5, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Supt. Hood stated that the permits had been obtained for the new facility and they were continuing to work on the footings and the Beasley Drive entrance. Acting Chair Tyson asked if another tour of the facility could be arranged at a later date to show the progress. Supt. Hood stated that it would be arranged later next year.

Review of Construction Permit Process. Mr. Cook explained that he had made the clarifications to the "Regulations Governing Construction and Permitting for Work Within Williamson County Rights-of-Way" as discussed at the previous meeting including placement of pipes in drainage ditches and changing the references to the Highway Chair rather than the County Mayor (Attachment A).

Commissioner Baker moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Acting Chair Tyson reminded the commissioners to put the Permit Regulations, along with the recently received Ethics Policy, in their individual Highway Manuals.

Request for Stop Signs in Temple Hills. Chair Tyson asked Mr. Collier to speak to the request for stop signs in Temple Hills. Mr. Collier stated that based on their study (Attachment B), he agreed with the Homeowner's Association request for stop signs because of a significant number of people exceeding the speed limit and other factors. In addition, he stated that these roads do not go anywhere except to resident homes so it would not impede traffic in any other way.

Chair Tyson asked if Supt. Hood had the authority to place these signs with Commission approval to which Supt. Hood answered he did, but he would appreciate a vote as well. Chair Tyson stated that this was in his district and he supported these signs as requested by the residents.

Commissioner Bennett moved for approval of the stop signs in Temple Hills, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Chair Tyson asked Mr. Collier and Supt. Hood to let Mr. Hoot know about this and put up the necessary warning signs, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SUMMER HILL, SECTION 3 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF HENPECK LANE. Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker. Supt. Hood stated that he and Mr. Andrews recommended approval. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN LEGENDS RIDGE, SECTION 6 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BERRY'S CHAPEL ROAD. Commissioner Fowlkes recommended approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker. Mr. Heflin stated that staff recommended approval. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL ACCOUNTS TO REIMBURSE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR ROAD REPAIRS ALREADY COMPLETED AND TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUED WITHDRAWAL TO PAY FOR FUTURE ROAD REPAIRS. Mr. Cook explained that these funds were originally set aside for future repairs of the various roads. When the funds are gone, the County is responsible for their maintenance. There was discussion of the original intent of these accounts and that some of them date back to the early 1980s. Mr. Cook stated that the County Commission will approve or deny the resolution giving authorization for future withdrawals. Chair Tyson wanted to know which roads had already been repaired and for how much. County Commission Chair Naron reiterated the need to know this information. Supt. Hood stated that they could go back and do research but it might be hard to find some of the information as it is old. Chair Tyson asked about the possibility of deferring the vote for 30 days until more information could be obtained. Mr. Cook explained that before the funds can be withdrawn, proof would have to be shown for expenditures on each road.

Commissioner Bennett moved to defer the resolution for 30 days until more information can be provided, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Mr. Coleman stated that the money would stay in the account for future use if past road work cannot be shown.

Highway Commission District Reports. There were no reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the November 2008 Activity Report and stated that the Southall Bridge decking was due to be poured by next Monday. Further, he stated that December 22, 2008 was the department's last day to work and would return to work by January 5, 2009. Regarding Temple Road, he reported that some homeowner's fences would be moved temporarily soon and replaced with silt/erosion control fencing.

Highway Chairman Report. Acting Chair Tyson stated that he had received a letter from a resident of Carter's Creek complimenting the Highway Department for their work in the area.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 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