

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 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; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, and Stan Tyson. Commissioner Renis Baker was unable to attend.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; State Senator Jack Johnson; Joe Carpenter, Kelley Garrett and Jeff Hoge, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT); David Coleman, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Mike Matteson, Planning Department; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Nena Graham and Leslie Mitchell, Accounting Department; 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 January 7, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson 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:

Commissioner Bennett moved to nominate Stan Tyson for a two-year term in the northwest district which would expire in March, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion to nominate Commissioner Tyson passed unanimously, 4-0.

Commissioner Bennett moved to nominate Dick Fowlkes for a two-year term in the northeast district which would expire in March, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion to nominate Commissioner Fowlkes passed unanimously, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll showed slides of the progress on the new facility. Despite the cold weather and rain issues, the facility is progressing, Mr. Boll stated, and the target completion date is the fall of 2009. The Highway Department will provide the paving which will be completed after the builder is through with the facility. A bid to move the fuel tanks from the current facility to the new facility will also be coming up, Mr. Boll concluded.

Sight Distance Issues at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. Mr. Cook stated that he, Mr. Collier and Supt. Hood had met with the City of Franklin and they seemed to understand that the County didn't have a role in the creation of the sight distance problems at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. Mr. Cook stated that they plan to meet again with the City next week to further discuss the possible outstanding issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2-09-13. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** Chair Anderson briefly explained the history of 840 and stated that the road will go through the County's "springs" property. He stated that the resolution has gone through two committees already and passed each unanimously. Mayor Anderson stated that the road needs to be finished. Mr. Joe Carpenter, Chief Engineer at TDOT, introduced himself, Ms. Kelley Garrett, Project Manager, and Jeff Hoge, Right-of-Way Manager and explained that this resolution included the standard verbiage. Further, he stated that the process of right-of-way acquisitions is a separate issue which will take place later in the process with appraisals and equity terms. He stated that TDOT will repair any damage to county roads and that the County will have no obligation except for maintaining new frontage roads. All the roads will be returned to the County's control when TDOT has completed the project, he concluded.

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Mr. Cook stated that there were no major concerns with the proposal and that any minor details can be negotiated. Supt. Hood stated that they had worked with TDOT previously and been able to work out any problems. Further, he stated that he recommended approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. After additional discussion on the project, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for an emergency generator (as attached) with the low bid of \$43,998.00 from Cummins Crosspoint being the staff recommendation. Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend the low bid from Cummins Crosspoint, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Review of Proposed 2009-2010 Budget. Chair Anderson stated that all departments were asked to take 10% off of their budget from last year and that this proposed budget meets the guidelines. Supt. Hood reiterated that it was identical to last year less 10%. Mr. Coleman stated that he appreciated the Highway Department working hard to meet the guidelines and getting it in early this year. Further, if an emergency equipment need occurs, the fund balance could be used.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the 2009-2010 Highway Department Proposed Budget, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioners Tyson and Fowlkes had no report; however, Commissioner Bennett asked if the Chair would write a letter to the Sheriff requesting additional patrol at the overlook on Pull Tight Hill Road due to after hours parking and the signs being removed. Chair Anderson stated that he would do so.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the January 2009 Activity Report and stated that Southall Bridge was completed and that Southall Road will be closed to through traffic on February 9th, 10th, and 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. The road closure is required to allow the Highway Department to build the approaches for the new bridge, he concluded.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson stated that Harpeth Valley has permanently withdrawn their request to run a water line down Temple Road.

Commissioner Tyson asked about the need to repave Meadowgreen and Hillsboro Acres and questioned when the sewer issues would be resolved. Chair Anderson stated that they anticipated having a resolution to come before the County Commission in March. The City of Franklin had given their permission to hook on to their facilities in Fieldstone Farms, but some minor details need to be worked out. It should take 15 to 18 months after the bids are completed which would make the project completed by late 2011, Chair Anderson concluded. Supt. Hood stated that they were patching the roads as needed in Meadowgreen and that Hillsboro Acres was in better condition.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 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