

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, March 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; County Commissioners Judy Hayes, Mary Brockman, Jack Walton and Betsy Hester; David Coleman, Budget Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Carol Edwards, County Mayor's Office; 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 February 4, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Special Announcements: Chair Anderson stated that there was an additional resolution to be late filed (LF Res. 3-09-18) which will be addressed under New Business. Chair Anderson stated that Commissioner Baker was improving after his recent surgery.

Citizens Communications: Mrs. Mary Brockman, 9th District County Commissioner, wanted to thank everyone for the recent help in getting signage placed on Hwy. 46 from the State Department of Transportation. In addition, Commissioner Brockman stated that when the road work begins on Temple Road she would like to request that construction vehicles not use Old Natchez Trace, noting she feels it would be better if they could use Sneed Road to get to Temple Road.

Mr. Lee Jones, Project Manager for Highways, Inc. stated that he would like to request that Deer Ridge Road be closed, between Valley Road and Mangrum Road, beginning April 1, 2009 until November 1, 2009 and possibly longer. He stated that Union Valley Road will be reopened for traffic prior to April 1, 2009. This request is due to the on-going construction of SR 840, he concluded.

Supt. Hood stated that he had met with Mr. Jones and Mr. Joe King, WCS Transportation, and that he supported this request.

Mr. Steve Hoover, Limited Partner for Bell & Associates Construction, requested that Robinson Road and Leipers Creek Road also be closed due to the construction of SR 840. Specifically, he requested that Robinson Road be closed to through traffic from the intersection with Boston Theta Road to the intersection with Johnson Hollow Road beginning April 1, 2009 through September 1, 2009. In addition, Mr. Hoover requested that Leipers Creek Road be closed to through traffic from the intersection with Mobley's Cut Road to the intersection with Davis Hollow Road from April 29, 2009 to July 1, 2009.

Supt. Hood stated that he met with Mr. Hoover, along with Randy Carroll of Collier and Associates, and that he supported this request.

Chair Anderson stated that these requests would be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. Jack Walton, 8th District County Commissioner, stated that he had a request to make regarding Brookside Drive later in the meeting.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll stated that the roofing had been completed on the "lean-to" building and begun on the administrative building. He stated that they had met with the City of Franklin regarding the water lines coming from Beasley Drive. Lastly, Mr. Boll stated that they anticipated the project to be completed by the fall of this year.

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Sight Distance Issues at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. Mr. Cook stated that after further discussion with the representatives from the City of Franklin, it has been agreed to conduct a traffic study at this location. The County has requested that they share the cost of the study equally.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND REQUEST A BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 431, LEWISBURG PIKE, TO BE NAMED AFTER AND IN HONOR OF SAM SMITHSON FOR HIS VALIANT SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II. Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Commissioner Judy Hayes stated that she had discussed the naming of a bridge for Sam Smithson with State Representative Glen Casada. Representative Casada indicated that the state preferred to have the endorsement of the local governing body. Commissioner Hayes stated that Mr. Smithson valiantly served his country and that there were two possible bridges that could be chosen to honor him. While previously Representative Casada stated that the state would pay for the cost of the signage, now the state has announced that there is no money for the signs which would cost approximately \$325.00. Commissioner Hayes stated that she would seek donations to pay for the signage, but she is asking for the endorsement of the Highway Commission for naming a bridge.

Veteran's Services Officer Ken Marshall stated that Mr. Smithson passed away recently, but at the time of his death he had been the oldest living prisoner of war in the state of Tennessee. Mr. Marshall stated that he believed it was appropriate to honor him since he was a Williamson County resident.

Chair Anderson moved to amend the resolution to include the intent to fund up to \$500 to pay for the signage by the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The amendment passed unanimously, 4-0.

The original resolution, as amended, passed unanimously, 4-0.

Resolution No. 3-09-13. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN SILVER STREAM FARMS, SECTION 1-A AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF ROCKY FORK ROAD.** Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommends approval of the resolution. Supt. Hood stated that he was in agreement with the staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Late Filed Resolution No. 3-09-15. **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG A SECTION OF LEIPERS CREEK ROAD IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.** Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Supt. Hood stated that a section of Leipers Creek Road at SR840 is currently posted at 50 mph and TDOT representatives, working in conjunction with the contractor, have request that it be reduced to 35 mph during the construction phase of 840. This reduction will only affect a portion of the road. It will return to the original speed limit of 55 mph after the construction phase is completed. The approval by the County Commission for the temporary reduction to 35 mph will allow the reduced speed limit to be enforced by law enforcement.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion on lowering the speed limit on Old Charlotte Pike. Commissioner Mary Brockman stated that she had not received any requests regarding Old Charlotte Pike. Commissioner Tyson stated that Commissioner Williams had been contacted regarding the speed limit by a resident living on the road. Supt. Hood stated that the road was oil and chipped last year and new speed limit signs were added, but the speed limit did not change from the original 30 mph. Supt. Hood believed it was only one resident who had contacted Commissioner Williams.

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Discussion was held regarding the need for a traffic study and costs involved. Commissioner Tyson suggested that the concerned resident should obtain a petition from at least 50% of the residents on the road before a traffic study be conducted. Commissioner Tyson moved to defer action on this item until a petition can be obtained.

Request for change from two-way stop sign to four-way stop sign at the intersection of Oakleaf Drive and Oakbranch Circle in Oakleaf Subdivision by Pete Daly, Oakleaf Homeowner's Association (HOA) President. Commissioner Bennett moved that this item be deferred for thirty days for the intersection to be studied.

Mr. Daly stated that he was representing the Oakleaf HOA because of their concern about the intersection where there had been several near misses and a child hit recently. Mr. Daly stated that they had contacted the Sheriff's Department and asked for additional patrols as the subdivision is off of Henpeck Lane and speeding is a problem.

Commissioner Betsy Hester stated that speeding continues to be a problem on Henpeck Lane and that this subdivision is near the intersection where Henpeck Lane intersects with Columbia Pike. Commissioner Hester requested that more speed limit signs be requested on Henpeck Lane. Supt. Hood stated that there were approximately 6 signs now, but they can add some more. Commissioner Hester also asked if the Sheriff's Department could patrol Henpeck Lane more often. Chair Anderson stated that they would send a request to Sheriff Long for speed enforcement.

Chair Anderson suggested to Mr. Daly that he speak with Supt. Hood after the meeting.

Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for fuel tank relocation (Attachment A) with the low bid of \$65,000 from Petroleum Equipment being the staff recommendation. There was discussion about the lower bid from Mid-South not including the overfill protection and that they were not able to add it as the bid request required. Supt. Hood agreed with the staff recommendation. Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend the bid from Petroleum Equipment, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Supt. Hood read the request from Highways, Inc. (Attachment B) to close Deer Ridge Road as previously indicated in Citizens Communications. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Discussion was held regarding the posting of signs and distribution of flyers to the local residents by Highways, Inc. Supt. Hood stated that the posting of signs and distribution of flyers were a condition of approval. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Supt. Hood read the request from Bell and Associates (Attachment C) to close Robinson Road as previously indicated. Commissioner Bennett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. Discussion was held regarding the posting of signs and distribution of flyers to the local residents by Bell and Associates. Supt. Hood stated that the posting of signs and distribution of flyers were a condition of approval. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Supt. Hood read the second request from Bell and Associates to close Leipers Creek Road (also on Attachment C) as previously indicated. Discussion was held regarding the posting of signs and distribution of flyers to local residents by Bell and Associates. Supt. Hood stated that the posting of signs and distribution of flyers were a condition of approval. Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval of the road closure, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Anderson asked Mrs. Edwards to notify the local media of the various road closures to provide additional notice to the County.

Commissioner Walton stated that he had received an e-mail from Chris and Christine Dunn about the excessive cut through traffic on Brookside Drive. The residents felt that people were using this cut through to avoid the 4-way stop sign at Berry's Chapel and Farmington. Suggestions for improving the situation include reducing the speed limit from the current 30 mph and moving or adding speed limit signs. Commissioner Walton asked the Highway Commission if they could look into options for improving the situation. Previously the waterline installation near by had curtailed any action on this road issue. After further discussion, Chair Anderson stated that Supt. Hood would look into options for the road.

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Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioners Fowlkes and Bennett had no report. Commissioner Tyson stated that he hoped construction would begin in approximately 45 days on Temple Road as they were in the process of placing silt fences and staking the area. Nashville Electric Service is still in the process of obtaining right of way.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the February 2009 Activity Report and stated that the bridge on Southall Road was almost finished and is operational.

Highway Chairman Report. The Chair had no report.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

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