

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, April 1, 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, Renis Baker and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; David Coleman, Budget Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Department; 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; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chairman; 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 March 4, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Chair Anderson welcomed Commissioner Baker back after his recent surgery.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll stated that work had begun on the inside of the administration building. The roof of the maintenance building is progressing, along with the quarry bay. Warmer weather is helping the progress of the entire project and they expect that the contractor will be completed by summer so that they can begin paving, he concluded.

Sight Distance Issues at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. Mr. Cook stated that they have been discussing the sharing of costs for a traffic study with the City of Franklin. Chair Anderson stated that he has spoken with Mayor Schroer regarding sharing the estimated cost of \$12,500 for a traffic study. Three of the roads are county roads while one of the roads is a city road, stated Chair Anderson, and he will need to discuss it further with Supt. Hood before any action can be taken.

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. Chair Anderson stated that this item was deferred from last month. Commissioner Bennett stated that he and Supt. Hood visited the location after the last meeting because the homeowners wanted the additional stop signs in order to control speeding. He stated that he cannot recommend the additional stop signs as there are no sight distance issues with approximately 500 feet of visibility either way. Supt. Hood concurred with Commissioner Bennett that additional stop signs are not needed. Mr. Cook stated that no action is needed as there was no recommended action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Results. Mr. Coleman stated that bids had been received for drainage pipe and structures for roadway improvements to Temple Road (as attached) with the low bid of \$95,348.22 from Sherman Dixie being the staff recommendation. The specifications need to be verified, Mr. Coleman stated, and if Sherman Dixie doesn't meet the specifications, then Contech would be the next lowest bidder at \$103,304.84, he concluded.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend the low bid of \$95,348.22 from Sherman Dixie if they meet the specifications, with the flexibility to move to the next lowest bidder if they do not meet the specifications, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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Chair Anderson asked Mr. Horne to give an overview of the anticipated stimulus money that may come to Williamson County from the federal government through the state government. Mr. Horne stated that Williamson County should receive money for two bridges on State Route 106/Hillsboro Road, one at the county line with Davidson County and one at Beech Creek. Mr. Horne stated that State Route 840 is the next big project to be completed and that while the widening of I-65 south of Franklin is a priority, the cost of the project is more expensive than current funding will allow at this time.

Chair Anderson stated that County representatives had recently met with TDOT representatives regarding SR 840 and how it will impact the “springs” property. Supt. Hood stated that he believed the meeting was beneficial.

Chair Anderson asked Mr. Heflin for an overview of the Natural Resources Conversation Service (NRCS) grant project to help the streams and river banks from the February 2008 storm in the Fairview and Fernvale areas of the County. Mr. Heflin stated that the NRCS will provide 75% of the funds for this project while the County will provide 25%. He stated that Mr. Andrews has contacted 53 property owners and that six do not want to grant access to their property. The NRCS will bid out the project soon and expect to start work in May and finish by the end of July. The project will entail removing debris in the channel and outside area with no stabilization of the bank area included. They will mulch or burn the debris, Mr. Heflin concluded.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Tyson stated that he had received several phone calls and contacts regarding the progress of Temple Road. He asked if there had been any activity regarding Old Charlotte Pike since the last meeting to which Chair Anderson stated that there had not been any further activity.

Commissioner Baker thanked everyone for their cards, visits and concern during his recent recovery. There were no other district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the March 2009 Activity Report and the 2009-2010 Annual Paving Schedule. He stated that two more speed limit signs were added to Brookside Drive since Commissioner Walton asked for assistance at the last Highway Commission meeting. Supt. Hood stated that two additional signs were also added to Henpeck Lane at the request of Commissioner Hester at the last meeting. He reported that the Southall Bridge had been paved and striped. Previously, this bridge was named “Williamson County Veterans Bridge” and the sign was also installed, he stated. Lastly, he reported that the Temple Road work was progressing well.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson stated that he had sent requests to the Sheriff for increased patrol in Oakleaf Subdivision and on Cotton Lane. He reported that the Governor has stated he would like SR 840 to be completed by 2012. Chair Anderson stated that he has visited many departments in the County to assure them that even though the budget process was not complete for 2009-2010, no layoffs were anticipated.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 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