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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, May 6, 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; County Commissioners Cheryl Wilson and Jason Para; David Coleman, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Department; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; Chad Collier and 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 Supt. Hood if he had received the traffic study for Clovercroft and Oxford Glen Road. Supt Hood replied that Mr. Collier was expecting it by Friday, May 8, 2009 from RPM & Associates.

Chair Anderson asked for approval of the April 1, 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 asked the Commission members if they were willing to review a resolution pertaining to the dedication of a bridge to a soldier recently killed in Iraq which was not on the agenda. As there was no objection, it was determined that it will be discussed under "New Business" later on the agenda.

Citizens Communications: County Commissioner Cheryl Wilson, 4th District, stated that there were numerous residents in attendance regarding the increased traffic on Oxford Glen Drive since McEwen opened up from McKay's Mill as a cut through to/from Highway 96. Commissioner Wilson stated that the Highway Commission had added stops signs which have helped to slow down traffic. Commissioner Wilson requested that the Chair send a letter to Sheriff Long requesting additional enforcement during peak traffic times.

County Commissioner Jason Para, 4th District, thanked the Commission for the upcoming traffic study regarding sight distances at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. Commissioner Para stated that he will ask the County Attorney to prepare a resolution to lower the speed limit on Oxford Glen to 25 mph from 30 mph to come before the Highway Commission and County Commission in June.

Mr. Gregg Lawrence, 4100 Clover Meadows Drive stated that the previous traffic study stated that the average speed limit was 36 mph and the two additional stop signs have helped to slow down traffic in the area. However, according to Sheriff Long the traffic has gone from 370 cars per day four years ago to as many as 1500 cars per day. Mr. Lawrence stated that the volume of traffic will only increase and that their subdivision roads were not designed for this volume of traffic. Part of the problem is that many Nissan employees from Rutherford County have discovered this cut through to Cool Springs. Mr. Lawrence stated that they feel like they have been invaded and cannot use the road for bikes or children to play. This street used to be a quiet residential street and he would appreciate the consideration of lowering the speed limit, additional stop signs, more law enforcement and the use of speed bumps.

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, 4th District School Board Member, stated that he is also a resident at 4020 Oxford Glen Drive. Besides the issues already mentioned, Mr. McLaughlin stated that their additional issues with school buses, special needs children and that the streets are not safe for walkers and strollers. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he believes additional stop signs would help at intersections and that while speed bumps are controversial, they would be helpful to control the traffic.

Mayor Anderson asked for a show of hands from all the attendees who were present regarding this traffic issue on Oxford Glen. There were approximately 10 people who raised their hands.

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Mr. Chad Collier stated that traffic on Oxford Glen has increased and that traffic, like water, will find another way if it meets resistance. Mr. Collier stated that he believed that it was more of a volume issue than a speed issue. He stated that removable speed bumps were a possible option and that they cost approximately \$2500 to \$3000 each.

There was discussion about approximately 200 households being affected by the traffic in the neighborhood.

Mr. Kenny Johnson, 6238 Les Waggoner Road, stated that Les Waggoner Road, named for his grandfather, has become deteriorated with pot holes and need improvements. Supt. Hood stated that the road was on the list for being oiled and chipped in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and that they planned to add gravel and clean ditches also during this process.

Mr. Jim Aston, 6286 Les Waggoner Road, thanked the Commission for the upcoming work on his road and stated that he believes that once McEwen Drive is opened up, the traffic on Oxford Glen will be reduced.

Chair Anderson stated that the opening of McEwen Drive is outside of the Highway Commission's control as it is in another jurisdiction.

At this time, Citizen's Communications closed.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll stated that the tour of the progress of the new facility will take place immediately after the meeting takes place. Further, Mr. Boll stated that they had obtained utility approval from Beasley Drive and the inside of the administration building was progressing with drywall and paint. The other buildings will be finished as soon as weather permits.

Sight Distance Issues at Clovercroft and Oxford Glen. This item was covered earlier in the meeting as the traffic study is due shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO NAME A BRIDGE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, LOCATED ON DEER RIDGE ROAD, AFTER AND IN HONOR OF SERGEANT TIMOTHY H. WALKER. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker. Commissioner Tyson asked that the date of death be added to the resolution before it is signed and filed. He also asked that the Ken Marshall, the Veteran's Service Officer, be informed of this resolution. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. There were no reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the April 2009 Activity Report and stated that the work on Temple Road was progressing well. He also reported that they were bush hogging again and that they have returned to working four ten hour days.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson stated that he had received correspondence regarding the Highway Department staying off Old Natchez Road while they are working on Temple Road. Chair Anderson stated that he replied that Highway trucks are using an alternative route whenever possible since Commissioner Brockman requested this at the March Highway meeting and that trucks owned by other entities may be using Old Natchez.

Mr. Coleman stated that while he sympathized with the residents on Oxford Glen Road about their increased traffic, traffic on his road has also increased greatly and this is symptomatic of the entire county.

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Commissioner Tyson asked about sidewalks in the unincorporated part of the county. Mr. Horne stated that if sidewalks are required, then the maintenance of those sidewalks would fall to the Highway Department. Currently, he stated, that the only ones installed to date are those maintained by a homeowner's association. Mayor Anderson stated that bicycle lanes are another issue as well.

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