

## MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, July 1, 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; County Commission Chairman Houston Naron, Jr.; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Department; Greg Boll, Randy Hickman, Elaine Vasquez, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Chad Collier, Collier Engineering; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Nena Graham, Accounting Department; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Carol Edwards, County Mayor's Office; Jeff Hammond, RPM Transportation; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Commissioner Tyson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the June 3, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

**Special Announcements:** Commissioner Tyson announced that Chad Collier, Collier Engineering, was ill and would not be attending this meeting. Therefore, the speed hump placement, vehicle count and stop sign issues on Oxford Glen would have to be deferred until August.

**Citizens Communications:** Mr. Chuck Neighbors, Secretary of the Ivy Glen Homeowner's Association, stated that he had delivered letters with the HOA's request for installation of speed tables on Oxford Glen Drive and their preference as to the location of their placement. Further, he stated, neighbors are beginning to take the speeding matters into their own hands by placing cones in the road, leaving bicycles in the road, having persons step out into the road, etc. as they become increasingly upset about the speeding issues. Mr. Neighbors stated that he did not condone this activity; however, he wanted the Commission to be aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Mrs. Sharon McLaughlin, of Oxford Glen Drive, stated that a speeding teenage driver recently told her off when she complained to him about speeding. She called Sheriff Long and Mayor Anderson about the situation and was impressed by their concern. She stated she would appreciate resolving the traffic/speeding situation as soon as possible.

Mr. Greg Lawrence, Clover Meadows Drive, stated that one of their neighbors, Mr. Tim McLaughlin is an engineer and helped them determine proposed placement of speed tables in Clover Meadows Subdivision. He stated that a petition by the citizens of Clover Meadows requesting traffic control would be submitted.

At this time, Citizen's Communications closed.

**Elections and Appointments:** There were none.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Highway Department Update.** Mr. Boll stated that the contractor was due to be finished with the facility by the end of July as they were proceeding with the utilities at this time. The Highway Department would then do the landscaping and paving with an anticipated completion date of September, 2009.

**Temporary Speed Bumps for Oxford Glen.** This item was deferred due to Mr. Collier's absence. Supt. Hood was instructed to reach Mr. Collier for the August meeting including recommending stop sign placement and traffic counts.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 7-09-15. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2009-10 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY \$100,000 AND RELATED OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR PAVING EXPENSES – REVENUES TO COME FROM HIGHWAY PRIVILEGE TAX FUNDS.** Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

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Mr. Coleman stated that this resolution was needed each year to budget the Highway funds in order to meet the five year average for local funding. He explained that the privilege tax was down considerably and this helps to meet the five year average. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

**Grace Chapel and Academy – Traffic Study for Access to Southall Road.** Mr. Jeff Hammond of RPM Transportation stated that they had performed a traffic study which was composed of four components: Counts; Collection of Speed Data; Analysis of Existing Conditions; and Traffic Analysis with new traffic. Mr. Hammond stated that the church desires to open a limited enrollment school. Further he stated that they hope to open a limited enrollment of 80 students this fall with a predicted 350 students by 2012. He stated that there are two driveways – one primary for in and out and a secondary for right in and out only with limited sight distance. Mr. Hammond stated that there was no problem with the secondary if used properly. He stated that there was a light level of traffic on Southall Road (2800 cars per day) with 200 during morning peak with no delay. He stated that they will post school speed limit signage and beacons and that turn lanes are not recommended at this time based on his analysis. They will continue to monitor the situation as the church grows, he concluded, to determine whether turn lanes are justified by the increased traffic.

Mr. Horne stated that Community Development was satisfied with the study, as their main concern was a possible stacking condition. It is expected that the signage will alleviate that concern. They will be having on-going discussions with the church about their growth and the need for a turn lane could change. Mr. Horne recommended acceptance of the recommendation to approve the request with the points outlined in their proposal: establishing 25 mph speed limit; installation of appropriate signage; and limiting all school traffic to use of primary driveway initially.

Mr. Hood stated that he concurred with Mr. Horne and that when the church expands, the need for a turn lane would need to be considered again. Further, he stated that it was his understanding that Collier Engineering was in agreement as well.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he asked legal counsel to draw up a motion and that a late filed resolution was also needed to approve lowering the speed limit in the school zone. Discussion was held about how the traffic beacon would be powered. Mr. Hammond stated that it could either be solar powered or hard wired.

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the recommendations contained in the Grace Chapel and Academy Preliminary Traffic Findings for Southall Road and to conditional acceptance on Grace Chapel fulfilling all of the recommendations including, but not limited to, those recommendations concerning the establishment of the 25 mph school speed zone and the installation of signs and flashing beacons as required by Tennessee Law no later than December 31, 2009. Grace Chapel understands and accepts that increased traffic on Southall Road due to the new school may require the construction of a turn lane in the near future. Commissioner Fowlkes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Commission Chairman Naron instructed the representatives from RPM Transportation to get with 2<sup>nd</sup> District County Commissioners Hester and Hancock for a late filed resolution for the July County Commission meeting regarding the lowering of the speed limit for the school zone as the Commission will not meet again until September which will be after the school year begins.

**Highway Bid Results.** Ms. Mitchell presented the highway bids and recommended that the following bids be awarded:

**Track Loader (Bobcat of Nashville):** Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment A)

**Anti-Freeze (Parman for antifreeze/washer fluid & McPherson for long-life coolant):** Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment B)

**Concrete (Metro Ready Mix):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment C)

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**Emulsified Asphalt (Ergon):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment D)

**Explosives (Hermitage):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment E)

**Pipe (Harvey Culvert):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment F)

**Blast Monitoring (GES):** Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment G)

**Striping (Kerr):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment H)

**Guardrail (Rio Grande):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment I)

**Hot Mix (Fairview/State Haul Formula):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment J)

**Petroleum Products (Parman):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment K)

**Steel Bar Reinforcing (CMC Rebar):** Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. (Attachment L)

**Highway Commission District Reports.** There were no reports.

**Highway Superintendent Report.** Mr. Hood referenced the June 2009 Activity Report and stated that Southern Land Company had requested that Boyd Mill Avenue be closed for utility construction at Westhaven from July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>. He reported that one end of the road is controlled by the City of Franklin and the other end by the County. They will close our end to through traffic for one week, weather permitting.

**Highway Chairman Report.** The chair had no report.

**Legal Issues.** There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 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