

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

October 7, 2009 – Page One

The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, October 7, 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 Betsy Hester, Cheryl Wilson and Jason Para; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Department; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Randy Hickman 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; Dave Parker, City of Franklin; 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 September 2, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll stated that, weather permitting, the ribbon cutting for the new facility will be on November 10, 2009. More information will follow confirming this event, he stated.

Roadway Improvements – Clovercroft at Oxford Glen Drive. Chair Anderson stated that a letter had been sent to the City of Franklin in August asking them to participate in the intersection improvements at a 25% contribution level. At the September 2nd meeting, no reply had been received from the City of Franklin and the Highway Commission voted to install a signal light at the intersection. It was after the September meeting that a letter was received from the City of Franklin stating that they would pay 25% toward the excavation of the hill to the west of this intersection. Based on this response, Chair Anderson asked the Highway Commission to revisit this item to further discuss the hill issue based on the City's response. Also, he stated that, perhaps, our original letter was not specific enough. Chair Anderson stated that he has discussed the issue with Mr. Cook and Supt. Hood and the money is available from the fund balance to extend the job.

Mr. Dave Parker, City of Franklin, stated that they would be willing to pay for 25% of the hill excavation; however, he would have to go back to BOMA to ask for 25% of the cost of the signal. Further, he stated, if a signal is installed, the city would like to maintain it "in-house."

Supt. Hood stated that last month the Highway Commission voted on the signal light only; however, RPM stated in the traffic study that it would be best to do both. It would be approximately \$300,000 to reduce the hill grade as well as install the traffic signal, he stated. The money is available, he stated, and he would be in agreement to do either or both parts of the projects.

Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he would like to do both projects.

Commissioner Tyson stated that sooner or later both parts should be done and it would be less disruptive to do them both simultaneously.

Both Commissioners Para and Wilson indicated that they were in agreement with both the hill grading and the signal installation.

Commissioner Fowlkes moved to improve the hill by grading and install the traffic signal at the intersection of Clovercroft and Oxford Glen Drive including requesting that the City of Franklin pay for 25% of the cost of both and asking the City of Franklin to maintain the signal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING
October 7, 2009 – Page Two

Supt. Hood stated that they would outsource the excavation of the hill.

Mr. Parker asked if he could talk to RPM about the intersection improvement study.

Discussion was held about the type of signals, etc. and Supt. Hood stated that Mr. Parker can get the information through Collier Engineering regarding the RPM Traffic Study. Further, it was determined if the City wanted to upgrade the signal, then they would be willing to pay the difference. Brief discussion was held about the possibility of grant money (via federal or state) for these road improvements. Mr. Horne stated that federal aid is not available for either of these projects.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Anderson stated he would send a letter to the City of Franklin with this update. Discussion was held with Mr. Parker about future construction projects including I-65, Goosecreek Parkway and Long Lane along with speed limits on certain roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 10-09-9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM TRAFFIC SHED NO. 18 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLOVERCROFT ROAD AND OXFORD GLEN DRIVE INTERSECTION.** Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Supt. Hood stated that he recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution No. 10-09-8. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009-2010 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$36,500 FOR CURBING ON TEMPLE ROAD.** Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Supt. Hood stated that the curbing would be installed in sections on Temple Road and recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution No. 10-09-7. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009-2010 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 FOR REPAIRS TO ROCK CRUSHER FOR SAFETY COMPLIANCE.** Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Supt. Hood stated that the MSHA (Mining Safety & Health Administration) personnel have different opinions regarding the rock crusher; however, in order to make it safer, a ram will be installed to break rock jams when they occur.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Request by Highways, Inc. to close South Harpeth Road. Supt. Hood stated that Highways Inc. wants to close South Harpeth Road from Pinewood to Mangrum for the State Route 840 related construction. They hope to finish the road work in December of this year. Supt. Hood stated he recommended approval of the request. Supt. Hood stated that the portion of road that will be closed only affects one residence and that school transportation, emergency personnel, etc. have been notified of the closure and detours.

Mr. Lee Jones of Highway, Inc. and Mr. Tim Crunk of Gresham, Smith & Partners were in attendance to answer any questions. They stated that the closing will take place after Deer Ridge reopens, probably on Monday, October 12, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

October 7, 2009 – Page Three

Traffic Count on Moss Lane in Green Valley Subdivision. Supt. Hood stated that concerns were stated at the last meeting about the traffic on Moss Lane in Green Valley Subdivision.

Mr. Chad Collier stated that there were about 25 to 30 homes on this road; however, the traffic count indicated there were 950 cars per day, mostly during peak morning and afternoon hours. About 10% of the drivers were speeding over 40 mph, he stated. Much of the traffic is likely “cut through” traffic avoiding the school zone at Oakview Elementary School, he stated. Stop signs are not warranted as a traffic calming measure, but barricading the road is a possible option that could be presented to the Homeowner’s Association. Speed tables may be a future option depending on the result of the speed table study, Mr. Collier stated.

Supt. Hood stated that they are currently planning to test speed tables in Oxford Glen for a one-year trial period before they can determine if installation elsewhere is prudent.

Chair Anderson suggested that Commissioner Hester get the Green Valley HOA to meet with Chad Collier and Supt. Hood to discuss further. Commissioner Hester stated that the Sheriff’s Department had been patrolling the area on a regular basis.

Highway Bids. Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for Extruded Concrete Curb for Temple Road and they were recommending the low bid of \$36,482.00 from Tri Star Curbing (Attachment A).

Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the low bid from Tri Star Curbing, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that one bid had been received for Speed Tables in Oxford Glen Subdivision and they were recommending the bid of \$11,190.90 from Traffic Logix. Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the bid from Traffic Logix, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Bennett stated that Commissioner Judy Hayes wanted to thank everyone involved in the Smithson Bridge dedication. Commissioner Tyson stated that he received a letter (Attachment C) from the Temple Hills HOA regarding closing the one lane of the road in each direction and adding a bike lane on each side. He stated that he cannot support this request and will give it to legal counsel for response.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the September 2009 Activity Report and stated that they were working on the paving for the new facility. In addition, he stated that he had talked with Tim Ham from Mallory Valley about the oil and chip on Beech Creek Road and there were a few places that needed addressing.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson stated that Supt. Hood was being nominated for a statewide position on the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association board.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 a.m., upon duly made motion and second, as there was no further business.

/ce

Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor