

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, December 2, 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; and Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; County Commission Chair Houston Naron, Jr.; County Commissioner Cheryl Wilson; David Coleman, Budget Director; Nena Graham, Assistant Budget Director 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; Linda Wheeler, 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 November 4, 2009 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Chairman Anderson referred to a letter from David Parker, Engineer with the City of Franklin, regarding Clovercroft Road and Oxford Glen Drive intersection. The letter states that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to fund up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of lowering the hill to the west of Oxford Glen Drive on Clovercroft Road at a cost to the City of Franklin of approximately \$52,000. They did not vote to fund any of the signalization project at this time. The County had asked for 25% funding for the entire project.

Citizens Communications: County Commissioner Cheryl Wilson thanked the Highway Commission for their support of installing the speed tables on Oxford Glen Road. She also stated that she has had several residents tell her that they support whatever measures are necessary to improve the safety of the intersection of Clovercroft Road and Oxford Glen Drive. Commissioner Wilson stated that she supports any decision that this Board makes, and said that they have always done an excellent job in providing safe roads and intersections for the citizens of the County.

Chairman Anderson stated that he has received several positive comments about the speed tables that were recently installed on Oxford Glen Road.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Mr. Boll stated that the ribbon cutting for the new highway facility is scheduled for December 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Roadway Improvements – Clovercroft at Oxford Glen Drive. Mr. Collier reported that the City of Franklin has requested that if a signal is installed, that it be a mast arm type signal, which is approximately 30% more expensive than a standard signal. He said that the cost to cut down the hill is estimated at approximately \$225,000, with a standard signal costing approximately \$115,000, and a mast arm signal approximately \$165,000. Supt. Hood stated that a study that was conducted by RPM, an engineering firm, recommended three options, one being both the grading of the hill and installation of the signal light, and that he concurs with this recommendation.

Commissioner Tyson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to proceed with the project, requesting bids for a standard signal, with the mast arm signal being bid as an alternate, with a stipulation that the City of Franklin pay the difference between the two signals if they want the mast arm. Chairman Anderson stated that it will be confirmed with the City of Franklin whether they intend to maintain the signal. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Amending the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Schools, Roads, Fire Protection and Recreation. Mr. Coleman commended Supt. Hood and Mr. Boll for the work they have done in compiling the list, and also for the excellent job of maintaining equipment, especially since much of the equipment has outlived its standard useful life.

Commissioner Tyson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. There were no reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood stated that he is looking forward to moving into the new facility.

Chairman Anderson announced that Supt. Hood has been elected as Vice-President of the Tennessee Highway Officials Association. He said that he is confident that Supt. Hood will represent Williamson County well.

Highway Chairman Report. Chairman Anderson referred to a report prepared by AMEC Earth & Environmental entitled *Del Rio Pike Flood Warning System Alternatives Analysis*. Mr. Heflin reported that a flood warning system was installed at the bridge over West Harpeth River on Del Rio Pike in the mid-1990s, and is no longer functioning. The report by AMEC outlined three options:

- (1) install an updated system with solar panel which triggers flashing lights-cost estimate \$9,050
- (2) elevate the road above the 10-year water surface elevation-cost estimate greater than \$250,000
- (3) install a predictive early warning system-cost estimate \$30,000-\$50,000

Chairman Anderson stated that copies of the report will be provided to Highway Commission members.

Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Horne to report on a letter he sent to Michael Skipper with the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Horne reported that the letter addresses the TIP Project #208-64-037 (re-alignment, SR 106 & 46), and states that the County has requested that the engineering phase be delayed until FY 2012, due to current funding circumstances.

Commission Chairman Houston Naron, Jr. thanked the Highway Department for the work that has been done replacing the culverts and widening the entrances at the Administrative Complex.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 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