

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**  
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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 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: Randy Hickman, Assistant Superintendent of Highway Operations; 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, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Mitch Kline, *The Tennessean*; 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 January 5, 2010 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Special Announcements:** Chair Anderson explained that Supt. Hood was ill and that Randy Hickman, Assistant Superintendent, will give an overview of the road conditions from the recent snow and ice storm.

Mr. Hickman stated that as of last Friday at 10:30 a.m., they had 9 trucks with snow plows begin to work the roads in Williamson County. He reported that they used about 1000 tons of salt and have an order for an additional 700 tons to come in shortly.

Chair Anderson explained that \$20,000 was transferred in the Highway Department budget at the recent Budget Committee meeting for this purpose.

Jason Golden, Chief Operating Officer for Williamson County Schools, thanked the Highway Department for the recent help in removing snow and ice from the parking lots at many schools. This allowed the county schools to be open today, while many other school systems are still closed, he explained.

**Citizens Communications:** There were none.

**Elections and Appointments:**

Chair Anderson reported that two (2) Highway Commission terms are expiring in March, Commissioner Bennett in the southeast district and Commissioner Baker in the southwest District. He stated that both of these individuals have indicated a willingness to serve a subsequent two (2) year term.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend Commissioner Bennett for re-election to the Highway Commission for an additional two (2) year term, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend Commission Baker for re-election to the Highway Commission for another two (2) year term; seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Late Filed Resolution 2-10-7. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY \$500,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOVERCROFT ROAD AND THE INTERSECTION OF CLOVERCROFT ROAD AND OXFORD GLEN DRIVE.** Commissioner Tyson moved, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes, to recommend approval of the resolution.

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Commissioner Tyson asked if the resolution needed to include that Franklin was reimbursing the County. Mr. Cook stated that this resolution was just for the money transfer and that there was a resolution that covered the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Franklin previously.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Request by Bell and Associates to close Boston Theta Road beginning March 1, 2010.**

Commissioner Baker stated that he believed they had no alternative but to approve the road closure as they don't want to stand in the way of SR 840 progress.

Mr. Steve Hoover, Project Manager, Bell and Associates, stated that Boston Theta Road needs to be straightened out and lowered and the only practical way to do it is to shut the road down. Further, he stated that there were only 4 residents on the road who will be affected by the closure and they can use Robinson Road as a detour. Mr. Hoover stated that they will have to get Robinson Road finished before they can close Boston Theta Road and it might be March 15<sup>th</sup> rather than March 1<sup>st</sup> before it can be done.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the closure of Boston Theta Road, beginning as early as March 1, 2010 with proper notification to the residents and media by Bell and Associates, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Review of Proposed 2010-2011 Budget.** Mr. Boll explained that there were no increases in their proposed budget and that they moved some money to cover the expected increase in utilities at the new facility. Chair Anderson stated that the budget was within the guidelines and he appreciated their hard work to stay within the guidelines.

Commissioner Tyson moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Tyson asked about the decrease in the fuel line item.

Mr. Boll stated that the price for fuel has decreased from the previous year's budget.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Highway Commission District Reports.** Commissioner Tyson asked about the status of the Grassland Sewer Project. Chair Anderson stated that Mid-South Utilities has an on-site construction manager and for the most part the project has been successful. They are holding off on major road repairs in the area until the project is completed.

Commissioner Tyson also asked about the County's policy on "Children Playing" signs as he understands the County cannot post them and several homeowners' associations are placing them in the County's right-of-way. Commissioner Tyson asked if legal staff could draft a policy on this type of signage. Mr. Heflin asked if "No Parking" signs are enforceable if placed by others and if that issue can be addressed in the sign policy to be drafted. Mr. Horne stated that he is in the process of working with the State about signs on their right-of-ways as it relates to peddlers.

There were no other district reports.

**Highway Superintendent Report.** Mr. Hickman referenced the January 2010 Activity Report and stated that the bridge on Old Highway 96 had been completed.

County Commissioner John Hancock thanked the Highway Commission for the outstanding job on several school parking lots on behalf of the Williamson County Schools Transportation.

**Highway Chairman Report.** Chairman Anderson asked if the new Highway facility will be ready to start hosting the Highway Commission meetings in March.

Mr. Boll stated that they might be ready, but the casework is not completed. Since a public notice has to run in the paper showing the location change, it was determined to wait for the April meeting to change locations.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 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