

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, March 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: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; County Commission Chair Houston Naron, Jr.; 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; Wayne Franklin, Risk Manager; 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 February 3, 2010 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Chair Anderson announced that Item 3 under New Business for Bid Results has been postponed for a month or two. He confirmed that the Highway Commission meetings would be relocated to the new Highway facility beginning in April and that the Public Notice ads would run in two newspapers in March. Additionally, it was determined that a sign should be placed at the entrance on Highway Commission days for the public to more easily locate the facility.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Use of "Children at Play" signs in residential areas. Mr. Cook referenced his opinion (Attachment A) which was requested by Commissioner Tyson at the last meeting. Mr. Cook stated that he cannot recommend any policy which provides for the installation of "Children at Play" signs because it opens the County to liability. The County cannot accept the liability which comes with the signs because it would create a perception that the County considers children in the roadway as permissible.

Supt. Hood stated that the Highway Department is taking signs down throughout the County and notifying the various homeowners association when they have posted them.

Policy and Procedure on "No Parking" signs in residential areas. Mr. Cook referenced the draft policy (Attachment B) which was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. This handout is for review only, Mr. Cook continued, and will be voted on a later time after the Highway Commissioners and staff have studied it in depth. The process will involve a request in writing to the Highway Superintendent and a petition to be completed. The petition must meet various conditions including approval by the Highway Department, Engineering, and Sheriff's Department before final approval and installation will be given. This policy must be recommended by the Highway Department and then approved by the County Commission in order to have the ability to fine those who park illegally.

Chair Anderson stated that the proposed policy will come to the Highway Commission for a vote in May and to the County Commission in June. Further this policy will only affect County roads and right of ways, not state roads and right of ways.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he had received one call regarding Beechcreek Road. There were no other district reports. Commissioner Tyson asked when the results from the speed hump test were to be shared with the Commission. Since the speed humps were installed in mid-November, 2009, it will be back on the agenda in December 2010 for discussion.

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Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the February 2010 Activity Report and stated that they were gearing up for the upcoming paving season. Further, he reported that they had used about 2000 tons of salt this season at \$60.00 per ton.

Highway Chairman Report. Chairman Anderson had no report, but asked Mr. Andrews to report on the debris cleanup in County rivers and creeks from the tornado in February 2008.

Mr. Andrews stated that the cleanup is now underway as of February 22, 2010; however, it had been delayed since July 2009 due to the fact that the NRCS grant had bid protests. The contract requires completion in 87 days from the start date. Mr. Andrews said since the bids came in lower than anticipated, it's possible that there would be additional funds available for add-ons. Mr. Andrews reported that the County had obtained written permission from each property owner to enter the sites.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 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