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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 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 Chairman Houston Naron, Jr.; County Commissioner Reba Greer; David Coleman, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Elaine Vasquez, Ray Campbell, and Randy Hickman, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier and Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; 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 August 6, 2008 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: Ms. Sara McKissick, 529 Solomon Drive, Franklin, TN stated that she was representing the Walnut Winds Subdivision off of Lewisburg Pike. She stated that the residents would like a stop sign placed at Akin Court, the speed limit reduced to 25 mph and extra postings of the speed limit throughout the neighborhood. Further, Ms. McKissick stated that the homeowners association would incur the expense of the new stop sign and extra speed limit signs if permission was granted.

At this time, the Citizens Communication portion of the agenda closed as there were no further comments.

Supt. Hood stated that Collier Engineering did a traffic study approximately three years ago and that a stop sign was not warranted at that time.

Chair Anderson informed Ms. McKissick that the previously completed traffic study needed to be revisited and that the County Commission was the body that could change speed limits upon the recommendation of the Highway Commission. Further, he stated that he would write a letter to Sheriff Long requesting additional patrols in the subdivision to look for speeders.

Supt. Hood stated that Collier Engineering can update the previous traffic study with new counts and speeds. Ms. McKissick stated that speed detection machines were previously stationed in the area, but it was during the week of the 4th of July which, in her opinion, was not the most logical time to do it.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department Update. Supt. Hood stated that they were making progress on the new facility.

Load Limits on County Roads in 1st District. Mr. Cook referenced his memo (Attachment A) which states that the County does have the authority to impose weight restrictions and fines. He stated that certain roads can be singled out with a proper engineering study. He stated that enforcement of the restrictions should lie with the law enforcement agency and that training would be required along with portable scales which can run from \$600 to \$6000.

There was discussion of fines, training, equipment and other possibilities. Chair Anderson stated that it might be best to wait to digest the information provided by legal counsel and get more information to determine the pros and cons. Further, he stated that the Law Enforcement Committee and Budget Committee of the County Commission along with the Sheriff's Department, Highway Commission and Highway Superintendent would have to be part of the process. Chair Anderson stated that getting a handle on the cost of implementing such a program would be necessary before pursuing it further. Mr. Cook stated that the weight limits enforcement will be limited to County

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roads and not on State roads.

Supt. Hood stated that the Rogers Group had resurfaced the area in question with hot mix and restriped from Highway 100 to the top of the hill and from Old Cox Pike to the County line.

Chair Anderson asked Commissioner Greer if she wanted to pursue the matter further considering the costs. Commissioner Greer stated that when she ran for County Commissioner, the condition of the roads in her area was one of the biggest concerns she heard. Further, she stated that she believes that preventing further damage to the County roads would be cost effective and she would like to see the restrictions be considered by the County Commission.

Chair Anderson stated that they would need more data and would need to bring the Sheriff into the process at some point.

Mr. Cook stated that this body should recommend to the County Commission what the actual weight restrictions should be.

Supt. Hood stated that agriculture vehicles should be excluded from restrictions.

Commissioner Bennett stated that they were having a similar problem on Bethesda-Arno Road with construction equipment going to Laurel Cove. The vehicles should take 840 to the golf course, rather than damaging the road further.

Mr. Collier stated that data needed to be collected on this matter and he would research it further.

Chair Anderson stated that the data needs to be determined before budget time and can be discussed in October or November. Then it could be shared with the County Commission Chairman and sent to the appropriate committees.

Commissioner Tyson asked if the Sheriff should be contacted regarding tentative costs for two individuals and one vehicle.

Mr. Coleman stated that a new Sheriff's car costs from \$30,000 to \$35,000 properly equipped with a pickup truck being in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. Two dedicated patrol officers would be approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 annually for each. Mr. Coleman stated that the State weighs ready mix trucks on state roads currently and asked if getting help from them would be a possibility.

There was discussion about the price of paving a mile and the possibility of contracting with the state for weight enforcement on County roads. Mr. Cook stated that an Interlocal Agreement could be drawn up for this scenario.

Chair Anderson stated that Mr. Collier will get back with more data by the October or November meeting and then they can discuss it further with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Greer stated that enforcement should not be too difficult once a program was established and the truck drivers were informed.

Chair Anderson asked Mr. Cook to see if this can be contracted out with the State and bring it back next month for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 9-08-28. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2008-2009 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,770 – REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE. Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Mr. Heflin explained that this was a grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for emergency watershed protection for streams at risk. The resolution is to provide our portion of the 75/25 match, Mr. Heflin concluded.

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Mr. Coleman stated that this resolution provides our 25% match portion and the NRCS will do the bids and get the contractors to clean the streams to keep our bridges from getting damaged from storm debris. Mr. Coleman stated that the funds will come from the Highway Fund balance.

Mr. Heflin stated that Mr. Andrews will obtain permission from 14 property owners to gain access to private property where needed.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 9-08-7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN BRECKSTON PARK, SECTION 1 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF SNEED ROAD. Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Tyson stated that a typo needed to be corrected in the resolution which spelled *Timberline* as *Timeberline*.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 9-08-6. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN BRECKSTON PARK, SECTION 2 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF SNEED ROAD. Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 9-08-5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN RIVER LANDING, SECTION 8 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF COTTON LANE. Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Supt. Hood stated that item #5, *Request by Dale & Associates, on behalf of Laurel Cove Development LLC, for Arno College Grove Road Improvements*, was pulled as there was no representative in attendance.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Tyson stated that he received a letter from the Berry's Chapel Church of Christ (Attachment B) thanking the Highway Commission for their recent efforts and he would like it included in the record. Commissioner Tyson also referenced a memo from Mr. Cook regarding historical roads in the County (Attachment C). There were no other district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood referenced the August 2008 Activity Report and stated that that Southall Bridge is progressing nicely. Supt. Hood stated that he received a letter (Attachment D) in July of this year from the City of Franklin regarding the intersection of Oxford Glen and Clovercroft Road.

Mr. Cook explained that due to a traffic study conducted by the City of Franklin, he recommends that a study to determine a need for a 4-way stop and a turn about be conducted. The numbers presented by the City of Franklin are different from the Ragan Smith study completed in 2002. Mr. Cook stated that the Highway Commission can provide Collier Engineering with the authority to do a traffic study to determine if the recommendations provided by Franklin are supported by the current condition.

Supt. Hood stated that the City of Franklin made road improvements to the area in 2002.

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Mr. Cook stated that the Ragan Smith report stated that there was no sight distance issue at this intersection in their report and in fact concluded that the sight distance was well within acceptable standards. Apparently each report is using a different set of standards, Mr. Cook explained.

Supt. Hood stated he would like for Collier Engineering to do another report and then approach the City of Franklin when the results are received.

On another matter, Commissioner Tyson asked Supt. Hood for an update on Temple Road. Supt. Hood stated that a meeting was held the day before with the various parties and it appears the right of ways will be signed.

Highway Chairman Report. Chair Anderson had no report.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues; however, Mr. Cook referenced a memo (Attachment E) sent to the Highway Commissioners regarding the naming of bridges in Williamson County. Mr. Cook stated that the County Commission has the authority to name or rename bridges.

Commissioner Bennett stated that he has had several requests for naming bridges including a recent request to honor Korean War veterans through a bridge naming to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 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