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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the Williamson County Highway Department facility at 302 Beasley Drive in Franklin, TN. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; and Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, and Stan Tyson. Commissioner Renis Baker was unable to attend.

Also, present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; County Commissioner Mary Brockman; Nena Graham, Assistant Budget Director; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Michael Matteson, Planning Department; Greg Boll, Randy Hickman, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Diane Giddens, Chief of Staff; 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 April 7, 2010 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Chair Anderson explained that Commissioner Baker could not attend the meeting.

Special Announcements: Chair Anderson stated that Supt. Hood would provide information pertaining to road conditions as a result of the recent floods during his report.

Citizens Communications: Chris Connelly and Carissa Lewis, 3009 Honeysuckle Drive, Spring Hill, requested use of the lookout on Pull Tight Hill Road around sunset on Saturday, August 21, 2010 for their wedding. The couple stated that their guests would be shuttled up to Pull Tight Hill to limit the number of vehicles. Commissioner Bennett moved that they be allowed to use the Pull Tight Hill lookout for their wedding on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from approximately 7:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Supt. Hood stated that Mr. Connelly and Ms. Lewis must have someone available to flag traffic during this time period.

There were no other citizens to speak.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Franklin Christian Academy Headmaster, Hugh Harris, and engineer. Commissioner Tyson stated that Headmaster Harris was not in attendance. Mr. Matteson stated that he had spoken with Mr. Harris recently regarding the potential re-approval of the school by the Planning Commission for another year. Mr. Harris stated that the signage should be in place shortly. Chair Anderson stated that he had talked to Mr. Harris recently and told him that the speed limit could be reevaluated after the signs are in place. Further, Mayor Anderson stated that he understood the school has purchased land to build a permanent facility in the next year or two. Commissioner Tyson stated that the school is working with Cartwright Creek on their sewage permit issues.

Policy and Procedure on "No Parking" signs in residential areas. Mr. Cook explained that the previous draft had been revised with suggestions from Commissioner Tyson. Supt. Hood stated that the policy is good and will require that the groups or individuals requesting the signs perform the necessary due diligence prior to installation. Mr. Cook stated that there were two typos in #4 (Engineering Approval) and #5 (Sheriff Department Approval) where "Approval" should be changed to "Review." This policy shall be signed by the County Mayor/Highway Commission Chair and dated after approved by the County Commission in June.

Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Late-filed Resolution 5-10-35. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2009-2010 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$500,000 FOR ROAD**

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REPAIRS DUE TO FLOODING. Commissioner Bennett moved to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

Supt. Hood explained that there was significant damage to road ways, bridges, guardrails, and right-of-ways due to flooding, erosion and landslides from the recent storms and flooding. The money from the resolution would cover the costs to put roads back to their previous condition. Chair Anderson stated that the resolution will be late filed for the May County Commission meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010. Commissioner Tyson noted that the Highway Department employees will be working five 10 hour shifts weekly with Saturday work voluntary.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Highway Commission District Reports. Commissioner Fowlkes referenced the recent meeting on Beechcreek Road. There were no other district reports.

Highway Superintendent Report. Supt. Hood stated that they had met with Steve Anderson and Chuck Kown along with representatives from Mallory Valley, Bobby Cook and County Commissioner Jack Walton regarding concerns about the road repairs on Beechcreek Road due to water line installation. The \$500,000 bond on the road will not be returned until the road was paved to the specifications and plans, he stated. Chair Anderson reiterated the concerns noting that some residents were pleased with the roadwork and others wanted repairs due to settling and flaking from winter weather.

Supt. Hood reported that the most significant flood damage was in the western part of the County and there were approximately 34 roads closed due to land slides, erosion, trees in roadways, bridge encroachments, guardrails down, etc. along with two roads closed due to high water. He reported that it will take several months to repair all of these issues.

Chair Anderson stated that he was able to view the water devastation from a helicopter ride and he was thankful for all the departments working together to help during this time of emergency. He stated that the Highway Department has been able to accomplish many repairs in a short amount of time. In reviewing the various issues that had occurred over the past couple of days, Chair Anderson stated that while the policies and procedures in place had been successful, there are areas which will need fine tuning after the crisis has ended. Chair Anderson stated that President Barack Obama had included Williamson County in his recent Presidential Disaster Declaration which will provide federal assistance to the residents and businesses of Williamson County that are without flood insurance. Further, he stated that the County will waive building permits for reconstruction and that Middle Tennessee Electric Corporation will waive their fees to turn power back on.

Discussion was held on storm water areas and how the flooding was beyond a 500 year event. Some of the areas that were flooded were older neighborhoods. New regulations will prevent development in flood prone areas as well. A slideshow of road issues was shown after the meeting adjourned.

Highway Chairman Report. Chairman Anderson had no report, but stated that he would be out of town at the June Highway Commission meeting. It was determined that Commissioner Tyson would run the meeting in his absence.

Legal Issues. There were no legal issues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 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