

Minutes of the Williamson County Highway Commission Meeting

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 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; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Stan Tyson and Dick Fowlkes. Commissioner Wayne Davis was unable to attend.

Also present were: Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Joe Horne, Community Development Office; Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Leslie Mitchell, Purchasing Agent; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, Randy Hickman and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley & Carson, County Attorney; Jeff Hammond, RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC; County Commissioners Mary Brockman and Betsy Hester; Randolph Matthews, County Mayor's Office; and other interested individuals.

Chair Rogers Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2011 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communication: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anderson stated the order of the Agenda would be rearranged to allow Jeff Hammond, representing RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC, to discuss the preliminary findings of the Williamson County Major Thoroughfare Update unless there was any objection.

Prior to Mr. Hammond's report, Joe Horne distributed copies of a map of the Conceptual Major Thoroughfare Plan Projects (Attachment A). Mr. Horne explained that RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC completed the most recent thoroughfare plan for Williamson County in 1996 and has also worked with the cities of Franklin and Brentwood on similar projects.

Mr. Horne stated that between now and 2035 the population of Williamson County is estimated to increase to 380,000 with the number of jobs estimated to be 270,000. The Thoroughfare Plan is an attempt to identify potential traffic problem areas and to work with developers, the municipalities in Williamson County and also neighboring counties (i.e. Davidson, Rutherford, and Maury) to plan for growth and transportation-related needs. The Plan also identifies deficiencies in roadway capacity, network attributes, geometrics and safety, and multi-modal considerations (trucks & bicycles). Development of the Plan was funded partially by the Metropolitan Planning Organization, with Williamson County providing the required match.

Mr. Hammond reviewed and discussed the map (Attachment A) which is color-coded to identify the location of new roads, widening projects, roads which are recommended for safety improvements, and other planned projects. The map identifies current city limit boundaries and Mr. Hammond added that Urban Growth Boundaries for municipalities were also taken into consideration when developing the plan.

After further discussion and questions by Highway Commissioners and County Commissioners, Mr. Horne stated that he anticipates the Williamson County Planning Commission will consider the recommendations of RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC at their November, 2011 meeting.

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RESOLUTION 9-11-23. A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG A PORTION OF MORAN ROAD, AND ROADS IN RIVER REST AND SNEED FOREST ESTATES IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

Commissioner Tyson made a motion to amend the resolution to delete all references to the roads in river Rest and Sneed Forest Estates and to approve the resolution as amended. The speed limit will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph on a portion of Moran Road extending from Hillsboro Road to the Harpeth River bridge. The motion to amend and approve the resolution as amended was seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes and passed unanimously, 4-0.

LATE FILED RESOLUTION 9-11-35. A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG PERKINS ROAD IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

In the absence of Commissioner Wayne Davis, who represents the Southwest District in which Perkins Road is located, Commissioner Bennett made a motion to defer the resolution until the October, 2011 Highway Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes and passed unanimously, 4-0.

Highway Bid Results. Ms. Mitchell presented the highway bids and recommended that the following bids be awarded:

Prestressed Concrete Box Beam (18 X 36) (Ross Prestressed Concrete - \$19,421.50): Commissioner Fowlkes moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 (Attachment B).

One Ton, Crew Cab & Chassis, 4 x 2 Pickup Truck (Lyons Chevy/Buick/GMC - \$30,919.00): Commissioner Bennett moved, seconded by Commissioner Tyson, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 (Attachment C).

Guardrail (Tri-State Guardrail - \$189,341.00): Commissioner Tyson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to award this bid. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 (Attachment D).

Mr. Cook reported that the Radnor Relay, a charity event, will pass through Williamson County on November 4th and 5th. The participants will be accompanied by escorts and will stop at various check points along the way. A Certificate of Insurance will be provided, however, no road closures or signage will be required. He also reported that the event passed through the county in November 2010 without incident.

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

Highway Commission District Reports:

There were no reports with the exception of Commissioner Bennett reported he has received calls from residents of Green Valley who are concerned about the development of Berry Farms.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood reported that legislation is being considered regarding the previously adopted unfunded mandate addressing the replacement of road signs to be replaced as needed.

Mr. Hood also reported he has been contacted by a citizen requesting permission to hang banners from the Southall Bridge on Veteran's Day. These banners will have no affect on traffic. Mr. Cook agreed to contact the citizen for safety purposes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

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Highway Chairman Report: At Chair Anderson's request, Mr. Horne reported he has received information indicating the Tennessee Department of Transportation has approved the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lewisburg Pike and Henpeck Lane with Williamson County to be responsible for the design, funding, and maintenance of the signal. He further added that this corridor is located within the City of Franklin's Urban Growth Boundary and a traffic signal at this intersection is not indicated in plans submitted for Berry Farms.

Mr. Horne proposed using traffic shed funds to fund a feasibility study of the intersection and estimate the costs related to a traffic signal. It is his opinion that installation of a signal at this time is premature, but he acknowledges the need is possible within the next five years. Mr. Horne noted this might provide the opportunity to develop policies as it relates to signalization in future, similar circumstances.

Commissioner Fowlkes moved to approve the issuance of an RFQ for a study to determine the costs related to a traffic signal at the intersection of Lewisburg Pike and Henpeck Lane and the use of traffic shed funds to fund the study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and passed unanimously, 4-0.

Chair Anderson added that a resolution will be presented to the County Commission for this purpose.

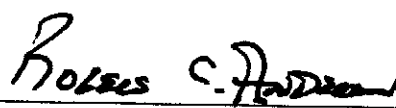
Chair Anderson also reported that he and Eddie Hood will accompany John Schroer, Director of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, on a bus tour on Wednesday, September 14th. The bus will depart from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church located on Highway 96 East at 8:45 a.m. The tour will end in Thompson's Station.

Chair Anderson stated that bids will go out within the next 60 days for the widening of Mack Hatcher Parkway from Highway 96 East to Franklin Road and the estimated completion date for State Route 840 from I-65 to I-40 West is December 12, 2012.

Legal Issues: There were none.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor