

AGENDA ITEM # 27**September 8, 1998*******

Consider approving resolution to various congressmen concerning Stormwater Phase II impact on Williamson County.

Moved: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To approve resolution to various congressmen concerning Stormwater Phase II impact on Williamson with financial contribution up to \$20,000.00. from Professional Services line item.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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RESOLUTION

Resolution regarding the County's Participation in the Storm Water Phase II Coalition

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has proposed Phase II Storm Water Discharge Regulations and the proposed regulations have been published in the Federal Register; and

WHEREAS, during the public comment period which ended April 9, 1998, the Texas Association of Counties submitted comments to the EPA opposing the adoption of the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations, if adopted in current form, will have enormous economic consequences for many counties and require local governments to conduct the proposed federal regulatory program; and

WHEREAS, the 38 counties automatically designated in the proposed rules will be required to obtain permits for storm water discharges from "small municipal storm sewer systems", also known as MS4's; and

WHEREAS, in these 38 counties a drainage ditch in the county right-of-way will be considered an MS4 and therefore the county will be required to develop and enforce the storm water management program; and

WHEREAS, every county in the State of Texas which engages in construction activities of at least one acre (such as clearing, grading, and excavating) will be required to obtain permits for discharges from such sites; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties lack the authority to enact ordinances and implement all of the regulatory requirements that Phase II requires; and

WHEREAS, a Texas County Storm Water Phase II Coalition has been formed to provide an organized county initiative in opposition to the proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition will work with State and Federal leaders to make Phase II a more workable and affordable program for counties to implement; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition will be solely funded by counties who which to participate in the efforts of this Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Association of Counties will serve as the facilitator in this project and will collect and deposit all county contributions into the Coalition fund; and

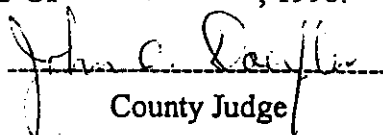
WHEREAS, all expenditures from this fund will be authorized and approved by the Coalition Public Official's Steering Committee, which will be comprised of county officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ~~Williamson~~ County opposes the adoption and implementation of the EPA's Phase II Storm Water Discharge Regulations as proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ~~Williamson~~ County supports the efforts of the Texas County Storm Water Phase II Coalition; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ~~Williamson~~ County agrees to a financial contribution to the Texas Association of Counties in the amount of ~~\$20,000.00~~ to support the efforts of the Coalition

APPROVED THIS THE 8 DAY OF Sept, 1998.


County Judge