

AGENDA ITEM # 29September 8, 1998

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Discuss and take appropriate action on feasibility analysis for Highway 79/County Road 122 200 acre parcel.

Commissioner Heiligenstein discussed the possibility of a feasibility analysis for the best use of the 200 acre tract located at intersection of Highway 79 and County Road 122.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To appoint Commissioner Heiligenstein to bring proposals to court in a couple of weeks on feasibility analysis of 200 acre parcel located at Highway 79 and County Road 122.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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Consider authorizing Hart Information Services to be sole source provider for AIS ballots.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To authorize Hart Information Services as sole source provider for AIS ballots.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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Discuss and consider approving order for collection of Child Safety Fund fee for calendar year 1999.

County Attorney Gene Taylor read the statute explaining the county may deduct an administrative fee not to exceed 10% of the total amount collected.

The collection agency (Tax Assessor-Collector) may deduct a prorata share for schools located in unincorporated areas and the balance to schools located in incorporated areas.

Mr. Taylor advised the statute also states if the county does not operate a school crossing guard program or if the money received exceeds the amount necessary to fund school crossing guard programs the county may either deposit the additional money in an interest bearing account or expend it for programs designed toward child safety, health, education and nutrition, including child abuse prevention, drug and alcohol programs.

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Commissioner Heiligenstein advised child safety should be one of our highest concerns and priorities.

Assistant County Attorney David Laibovitz advised the court Bexar, Blanco, Brazos, Dimmit, Gillespie, Llano, Harris, Maverick and Travis Counties have adopted this policy.

Mr. Laibovitz advised Williamson County could collect this fee for three (3) reasons:

1. Section 502.173 a & h of the Texas Transportation Code expressly authorizes counties with less than 1,180,000 million residents to collect the school crossing guard fee

The only prerequisite is for Commissioners Court to forward an order to Texas Department of Transportation by September 10 of the year prior to the year collection of the fee will begin

2. The Legislature expressly said, "This relates to the use of school crossing guards in both municipalities and counties."
3. Texas Department of Transportation administers this program for the Legislature. Claudia Wood, who is in charge of the program at TxDOT, assured David that Williamson County could participate in this program if an order was faxed or delivered to her no later than September 10, 1998.