

AGENDA:

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of the

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

May 5, 1998

THE STATE OF TEXAS) (

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON) (BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:30 a.m. on this the 5th day of May A.D., 1998, there was begun and holden a SPECIAL SESSION of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, the following members being present, to-wit:

JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge
MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2
DAVID S. HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3
JERRY L. MEHEVEC, Commissioner, Precinct 4
EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney
MELBA KEMBLE, County Clerk
DAVID U. FLORES, County Auditor

AGENDA ITEM # 1

May 5, 1998

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda.

Gerry Anderson appealed to Commissioners Court to help alleviate parking problems on the square in Georgetown. The privately owned alley between Berry Hardware and Western Auto is being blocked by delivery trucks allowing no access to the street for those who are parked in the alley.

Mr. Anderson has appealed to the City of Georgetown to purchase the property located directly behind Berry Hardware which is currently being used for storage. With the storage area being torn down the owners of the other buildings would have access to Rock Street and would no longer be blocked in the alley.

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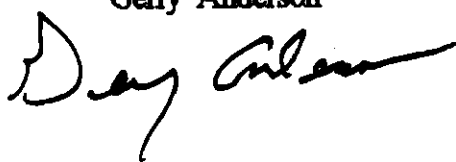
TO: City of Georgetown and the consulting firm that is gathering information on the problems of parking in downtown area.

Dear sir,

This is to inform you why most of the merchants and the EMPLOYES on the west side of the square do not use the available privately owned parking that is directly behind the business. The parking area that i am referring to is a privately owed ally that lies between Western Auto and Berrys Hardware and continues to the south the length of the enter block. Every bussiness on this block has access the ally and tryto use this ally for delivery and parking. Because of property disputes with the owners of the Western auto and Berrys Hardware the other property is land locked and they are denied access to their property on regular basis. As a result any one wanting to use the ally for parking will not and does not use the parking area because no one can afford to be blocked in. When this has accord, the owner of Western Auto will move his delivery truck when he is ready to or when ever he gets though with his delivery. He is very combative on this subject and will tell any one that if this does not fit your needs he can and will build a fence across the ally and block the ally entirly. He will tell you he owns the ally and he will do with it what he want and is not concerned with any one elses problem.

Has this happen to you? Has this happened to co woker or employee? Is this a problem that needs to be adreesed? If so please sign below.

Gerry Anderson



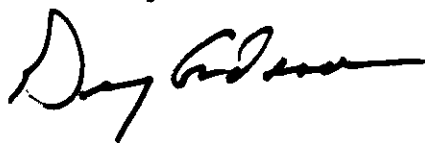
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There are other issues in this same ally that are of concern to many parties who would like to use the ally. First is a drainage problem, during times of heavy rainfall water stands for many days at a time. No property owner is able to address this problem. There are some businesses that have had water damage because of no drainage plan or control in this ally. May we remind you that we are being taxed for drain water and it would be reasonable to assume that this problem is of concern to the city and needs to be addressed so that the tax payers can get some benefit from their tax dollar. Second is the matter of fire protection. In conversation with the fire marshal it discovered that the rear of all buildings in this ally are in jeopardy. Fire Marshall Tom Legget tells me that in event of a fire he can not and will not put any equipment in this ally to fight a fire. The reason for this is that there is the collapse possability of the tall buildings and he can not jeopardize his personal or equipment with this safety problem. This is very disturbing news to the property owners, the bussiness and two separate resident of the two story buildings who have limited exits in the event of a fire. Tom tells me that he can and will support an effort to improve access to the rear of the buildings. A second access to this ally in Toms opinion would be beneficial for the bussiness tenants and residential tenants and aid in fire protection and ensure the safety of his fire fighters.

My proposal to the city is to try to purchase a vacant lot behind Berrys Hardware. This property's sole use today is for storage of pipe. If the city would purchase this property all of the problems that are existing in the ally can be solved. A second access to the ally would give us the ability use the available existing parking with out future problems with delivery trucks and other property owners who do not mind blocking access to the ally. it is possible that some parking spaces can be obtained in this property once it is devolved. With this proposal we wish to have unlimited access to our property at all times so to help solve some of the parking problems on the square and improved fire protection with unlimited access to all of the rear of the buildings and the issue of a collapse zone will not jeopardies the safety of any one fighting the fire or any one trying to get out of harms way, or some one that may be trapped in building and the may be a need to get a fire truck in the ally to assist in removing a trapped victim. Also this will give the city a way to solve some drainage problem. The natural slope of the lot will allow once it is devolved the flow of water onto rock street.

With this proposal many problems can be solved at reasonable cost. My research show that this lot appraises at value of only 19,000 dollars. Also it is my option that this is not a developable piece of property. There is a public need for community ownership of this property. We hope that you will find that my study are correct and will peruse every avenue to ensure public safety and solve other problems that we have been told you are committed to such as the parking issue.

Gerry Anderson



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Commissioner Mehevec suggested some of the soil behind the museum being removed and leveled would stop the standing water.

County Engineer Joe England has received notice from Sprint advising they desire to put a new line at the intersection of County Roads 130 and 101. This property has been condemned for the landfill near Hutto. He will request an agenda item for May 12, 1998, for consideration of easement being granted to Sprint.

District Judge John Carter extended an invitation from the Williamson County Bar Association to attend a party on Saturday, May 16, 1998, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the home of Susan and Jeff Rusk at 800 Rusk Road, Round Rock, Texas. The Williamson County Bar Association is honoring Judges John Carter, Burt Carnes, Billy Ray Stubblefield, Robert F. B. "Skip" Morse and Kevin Henderson "because they hung the sun, the moon, the stars and a horse thief".

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HEY!

**Fajitas sound good? Catch and release fishin' in a stocked lake?
Horseshoe pitchin' under the oaks?**

Well, Pardner! You're in luck!

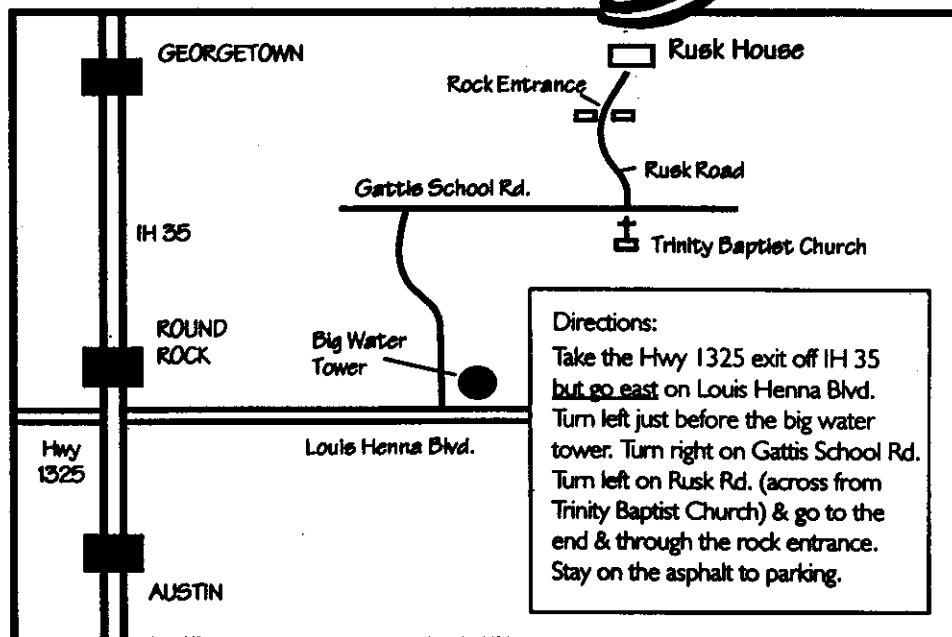
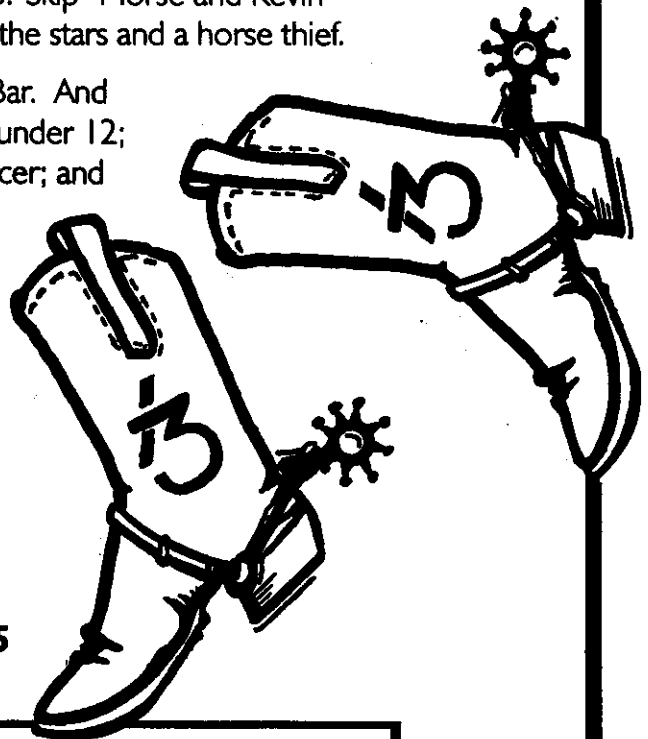
The Williamson County Bar Association invites you to help honor Judges John Carter, Burt Carnes, Billy Ray Stubblefield, Robert F. B. "Skip" Morse and Kevin Henderson – because they hung the sun, the moon, the stars and a horse thief.

The whole shebang benefits the Williamson County Bar. And you don't need deep pockets: it's free if you're a kid under 12; fifteen bucks if you're a bonafide law enforcement officer; and twenty bucks a head for the rest of y'all.

Saturday, May 16, 1998, 3-8 p.m.

**At the home of Susan and Jeff Rusk
800 Rusk Road, Round Rock, Texas**

**R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 11, 1998
to Brenda Rhea at 244-6603
or Cynthia Borgfield-Smith at 930-1445**



AGENDA ITEM # 2May 5, 1998Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Mehevec

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 28, 1998, meeting with the correction of Agenda Item #6 on page 2 to read: "To authorize Judge Doerfler to enter into an interlocal agreement and accept the sum of \$25,000.00 from the City of Austin for modifications to Lake Creek drainage project engineering study to be provided to the City of Austin with funds to be deposited into separate Lake Creek Drainage Fund."

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0 with Commissioners Boatright and Hays abstaining from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM # 6April 28, 1998Vol 97 Page 603Consider entering into an interlocal agreement with City of Austin for Lake Creek floodplain modifications.

Moved: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Seconded: Commissioner Mehevec

Motion: To authorize Judge Doerfler to enter into an interlocal agreement ^{and accept sum of \$25,000} ~~with the City of Austin for Lake Creek floodplain modifications~~ to LC

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0 *Drainage Project Engineering Study to be provided to the City of Austin. Funds to be deposited into separate Lake Creek Drainage Fund.*

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AGENDA ITEM # 3May 5, 1998Hear County Auditor concerning invoices and bills submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the County.

Moved: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To authorize the payment of \$658,998.12 in computer print-out from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 1997/98 County Budget.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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