

**AGENDA ITEM # 8****May 26, 1998****Discuss and take appropriate action on proposed Capital Improvement Program for the county.**

Assistant County Auditor Joni Clark suggested the following 4 focus points if the court decided to participate in the Capital Improvement Program:

1. Begin the documentation process using existing CIP forms
2. Elected officials and Department Heads rank their projects in order of priority
3. Look at ways to develop a citizens survey to facilitate tax payer input
4. Appoint someone to list the projects by priority

Fort Bend County is planning to publish their first CIP in July, 1998, with overall focus on planning. Data work sheets were incorporated into their plan with Departmental Heads determining priority. Texas Department of Transportation ranking is used for transportation projects.

Financial advisors in New York and Austin are encouraging the documentation plan.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To define capital as \$100,000.00 and authorize the County Auditor to proceed with Capital Improvement program for Williamson County.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM # 9****May 26, 1998****Consider noting in minutes that the county has no interest in a parcel of land along County Road 279.**

County Engineer Joe England informed the court this 2800 square feet will not be needed in the re-alignment of County Road 279. Since Williamson County did not have fee title to the property, this statement being made can allow it to be re-claimed.

Commissioner Boatright added this is part of the old right-of-way to which Williamson County never had fee simple title.

First Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye added if the county has never actually owned any real estate at this location and all that exists is a public easement by prescription then when the public abandons that easement that's basically all the public had. So, when we declare the road no longer encompass this 2800 square feet and there is an alternative route providing clear passage and since the easement is all Williamson County ever had and it is gone, then we have no further interest in the property.

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Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To note in minutes that the county has no interest in 2800 square feet of land along County Road 279.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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