

AGENDA ITEM # 19

September 1, 1998

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Discuss and take appropriate action on request from Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce for economic development funds.

Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Laura G. Nite appeared before the court requesting \$3,500.00 to initiate a work-force study. She felt the missing link in their economic development plan was providing industry and employment centers which could provide employment to Cedar Park residents.

Ms. Nite advised the balance of the \$18,000.00 study would be funded by a \$4,500.00 In-Kind donation along with \$10,000.00 from Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce and corporate underwriters.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Mehevec

Motion: To approve Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce request for \$3,500.00 for economic development funds.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce

"Cedar Park Proud"



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August 19, 1998

The Honorable Judge John C. Doerfler
County Judge of Williamson County
710 Main Street, Second Floor
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Judge Doerfler:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully request ~~a September 1, 1998 County Commissioners Court Agenda item for consideration of a \$3,500.00 grant for Economic Development programs of the Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce.~~

The Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce's efforts in corporate and retail expansion and business recruitment have assisted in bringing hundreds of jobs to southwest Williamson County.

120,000
daily
vehicular
traffic

Due to the ever-changing demographics and existing workforce of our growing community, we will expend this grant of \$3,500.00 to begin the statistical analysis of a Workforce Survey of Cedar Park.

approved 9-1-98
John C. Doerfler

Prospects consistently request a current survey of our existing workforce to help them assess workers' skills and salaries to determine if they will be able to hire local residents. Prospective employment centers that are assured they have a ready workforce will provide local employment opportunities, thereby relieving traffic congestion on U.S. Hwy. 183 of Cedar Park to Austin commuters, improving automobile emissions levels, and keeping tax dollars in Cedar Park and Williamson County.

vote in favor of this important ~~issue~~ grant.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to presenting to the Commissioners' Court on September 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Nite
Executive Director

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**Proposed Budget
Workforce Survey**

Development of Questionnaire & Research	<u>In-Kind Donation</u> <u>\$4,500.00</u> Capital Area Planning Council Economic Development Dept., Chamber Workforce Committee, & Research Professionals
Fielding of Workforce Questionnaire & Data Collection	<u>Chamber contributions</u> <u>\$10,000.00</u> <u>& Corporate Underwriters</u>
Market Research Analysis, Presentation of Data Publication	<u>Williamson County</u> <u>\$3,500.00</u> <u>Commissioners Court Grant</u>
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Total Estimated Cost of Completion Cedar Park Workforce Study	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

AGENDA ITEM # 20

September 1, 1998

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

Commissioner Heiligenstein discussed imposition of TxDOT extra fees. Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code, relating to the registration of vehicles, provides counties the option of imposing two extra fees, in addition to the registration fee.

Section 502.172 provides for a county road and bridge fee in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 for each vehicle registered in the county.

Section 502.173 provides an extra fee not to exceed \$1.50 per vehicle registered in the county to fund a school crossing guard program.

Vehicles registered with Machinery and Farm Trailer license plates are exempt from both provisions.

\$1.50 per vehicle would generate approximately \$180,000.00.

Commissioner Boatright suggested all rural area schools in Williamson County should participate in the funds.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To table this item awaiting allocation information and opinion from Williamson County Attorney.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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