

September 29, 1998

Consider approving request from Florence Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development funds.

Florence Chamber of Commerce President William B. Wash appeared before the court explaining the need for the funds.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To approve request from Florence Chamber of Commerce for \$3,500.00 Economic Development funds.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. BOX 201, FLORENCE, TEXAS 76527

September 25, 1998

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

RE: Request for Economic Development Grant

Dear Judge Doerfler:

On behalf of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter as our application for Williamson County Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00.

approved 9-29-98
John C. Doerfler

The Florence area is growing as evident in the increased enrollment in the Florence School system. Two new businesses have come to Florence this year and two more are planning to open before the end of the year.

We feel we need to do more to publicize the Florence area. Should we be approved for the grant the money would be used to develop and publish a brochure and to erect stone signs on the south and north of town welcoming people to Florence. We estimate the following costs:

1. Brochures - - - - - \$6,000.00 for 4,000 copies
2. Signs - - - - - \$4,000.00 for two

The Florence Chamber of Commerce's primary source of income is Friendship Days, which annually brings in between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00. Over the past several years the Chamber has been able to set aside \$10,000.00 for the new Fire Station, which construction should start in early 1999. The Chamber also provides \$2,000.00 each year to the Florence Public Library and two \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors at Florence High School.

A longer range goal is to try to help in the renovation of the Florence City Park.