

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.

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We understand that we must provide matching funds for any funds we may receive.

We thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William B. Wash". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William B. Wash
President

Consider approving Humane Society contract of 1998/99.

Williamson County Humane Society Executive Director Eileen Hegar addressed the court discussing the new contract. The county is billed for storage fees for animals whose owners have been arrested with the animal in their possession.

Discussion with First Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye with policy changes to be reviewed by Mr. Rye.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: Approve 1998/99 Humane Society contract with possibility of amendment after research by First Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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June 1, 1998

The Hon. John C. Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County Courthouse
710 Main Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

via Hand Delivery

Re: Proposed Sheltering Contract for 1998-99

Dear Judge Doerfler:

The annual contract between the County and the Humane Society will expire on September 30, 1998. We have taken the liberty of preparing a new contract for the upcoming year. As you will note, the only significant terms to change from the prior contract are an increase in the boarding fees chargeable to the general public upon reclamation of their animals from \$7/day to \$10/day and an increase in the amount of the licensing fee for unneutered or unspayed animals from \$10/year to \$20/year. We have not sought an increase in any fees which are directly chargeable to the County.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Eileen Hegar
Executive Director

J Lee Jarrard, Jr
President of the Board of Directors

JLJ/
enclosure