

AGENDA ITEM # 43March 9, 1999Hear comments from commissioners.

Commissioner Heiligenstein asked if Showbarn Committee had presented any recommendations to the court. Judge Doerfler and Commissioner Limmer reported and discussed the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Heiligenstein reported on his and Commissioner Hays trip to Washington, D.C. with several meetings centered on the storm water regulations and tobacco settlement funds. He felt the tobacco money being returned to the federal government was a dead issue but did express concern on the storm water issue which Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison has not agreed to or signed yet. Without amendment the commissioner felt the bill could cost Williamson County \$1. million dollars per year in its current form.

Commissioner Heiligenstein will discuss distribution of child safety funds with County Tax Assessor-Collector Deborah Hunt. Judge Doerfler felt the funds should be tracked for determination the schools actually spend the money on child safety.

Commissioner Heiligenstein advised Northridge Acres homeowners held their election in which Nettie Brown, Mrs. Ken Snyder, John Weaver, Fidel Acevedo and Mike Williams were elected to the board. The commissioner invited all interested court members to join him as he meets with the new board. Also he discussed 8 illegal connections (tapping into the water supply without permits and meters) being disconnected by the former board and TNRC. If TNRC shuts down the water system the county cannot allow anyone to live on property with no water supply.

Commissioner Limmer reported on his and a group of local farmers meeting Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at the State Capitol with Mike Krusee, Steve Ogden and Susan Combs. He felt the federal government would not re-write the farm bill and Production Credit Association (PCA) has begun to turn down loans for some farmers. The commissioner did not feel Mike Krusee was very enthusiastic and Steve Ogden and Susan Combs said "maybe".

County Attorney Gene Taylor reported he is expecting the magistrates and new County Court-at-Law bill to be approved by the Senate soon before the bill is presented to the House. The District Court became part of an omnibus bill in which all requests for district courts in the state were combined and passed on to the Omnibus Sub-committee which met Monday, March 8, 1999. The decision on which courts to approve will be made at a later date.

Commissioner Heiligenstein advised CUC subdivision regulation meeting in Jim Allison's office 10 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 1999.

Judge Doerfler received a fax this morning regarding SB 713 by Steve Ogden proposing increasing the annual amount of gas tax appropriation to the lateral county road and bridge fund from \$7.3 million to \$50. million as well as other possible changes.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:31 A.M. ON TUESDAY MARCH 9, 1999