

Commissioner Hays received a call last week advising there would be a delay in the easement due to a cave being located within ninety (90) feet of the road. Fish and Wildlife requires the cave be researched (where it goes and are any endangered species living in the cave).

The commissioner has a meeting this afternoon (November 16, 1999) with head of Fish and Wildlife in Austin to discuss the situation. He advised no water would drain from the road and the cave is located ninety (90) feet from the right-of-way. Fish and Wildlife is now discussing every drainage easement being regarded as "wet lands" and the salamander residing in the rivers as well as caves down to the aquifer.

Commissioner Limmer expressed his appreciation to the court for their support on the Taylor Airport expansion project. Much interest has been expressed by individuals and businesses and he felt the project will produce new tax revenue.

Judge Doerfler discussed the success of the County Workshop with good attendance. He expressed his disappointment at the small elected officials attendance, but all department heads were in attendance.

Judge Doerfler distributed literature from Pix Howell on bond program.

The County Judge discussed difficulty with radio reception in some areas of the county and consideration of using Simulcast (a series of towers working together off the same principal). This would require an additional three (3) towers. He distributed a proposal to each of the commissioners requesting them to review and consider the matter. The maximum charge would be \$5.4m with \$1.4m accounting for towers, buildings and generator. Judge Doerfler has discussed the matter with a sub-contractor and feels the price could be cut tremendously. The quoted equipment price is retail and he feels a 25% cut could occur by purchasing through HGAC. The Judge feels a dire need exists for complete county coverage by EMS, Fire and Sheriff's Department.

Judge Doerfler advised the State Legislation burn ban expires today and he (Judge) declared an extension of burn ban.

< Emergency Order filed here >

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:47 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1999