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Hear report on year 2000 census.

Government and Community Partnership Specialist for the Austin/Central Texas area Ms. Leslie Lawson thanked the court for the opportunity to brief Williamson County census for the year 2000. Ms. Lawson is the liaison for Williamson County to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The every 10 year census is the largest peace time activity of the federal government. Three reasons for the census are power, money and information for infrastructure and public services planning.

Power - Population count produced by the census determine the number of Texas held seats in the United States House of Representatives and Texas State Legislature.

Money - \$150,000,000,000.00 federal grants are distributed each year by federal government calculated on population.

Infrastructure and public services planning - Businesses determine their location based upon population figures provided by the census.

Preparation has begun for Census day (April 1, 2000) in order to provide a full and accurate accounting of Williamson County citizens. Currently Williamson County 911 Addressing is conducting an address list review.

The rural address listing has just been completed and beginning the end of January approximately 150 Williamson County qualified residents will be employed to drive the urban areas to determine a complete listing of addresses with the number of questionnaires requiring hand delivery.

Also she discussed the Complete Count Committee for Census 2000 which should be appointed by Williamson County Commissioners Court comprised of members of all aspects of the county. The committee will be required to service a strategic planning team to accomplish public outreach in a manner custom-made for Williamson County. The purpose of the committee is to count all county residents.

Questionnaires will be mailed in mid March, 2000 in hopes of receiving the completed forms by mid April, 2000. Non-response follow-up will begin in hope of having a complete count by June-July, 2000. The numbers will be delivered to the President of the United States by December 31, 2000, and released to the public in summer of 2001.

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Consider approving proclamation in support of year 2000 census.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve proclamation creating a Williamson County Census 2000 Complete Count Committee in support of the upcoming Census 2000.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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