

CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY

MAINTENANCE BOND

BOND NUMBER 159304452

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC., P.O. BOX 161990, AUSTIN, TX., 78716, as Principal, and **CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY**, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto WILLIAMSON COUNTY, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS as Obligee, in the full and just sum of Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six and No/100S -- (\$81,976.00) Dollars, for the payment of which are well and truly to be made, we, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal has by written agreement, dated 06/17/98 entered into a contract for:

The Ranch at Cypress Creek, Section 13, Street and Drainage Improvements, Including Trench Backfill.

WHEREAS, the obligee has requested that said work be guaranteed against failure because of defective workmanship or material, performed or furnished by said principal for a period of (1) one year from date of final acceptance by the Williamson County.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall indemnify and save harmless the obligee against loss or damage occasioned directly by the failure of said materials or workmanship, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. It is understood, however, that this bond shall not include loss or damage by failure or workmanship or materials due to hurricane, cyclone, tornado, earthquake, volcanic eruption or any similar disturbance of nature, nor military, naval or usurped power, insurrection, riot or civil commotion, nor any act of God.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of January, 1999.

AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC.

PRINCIPAL

By:

R. J. Harris
R. J. Harris, Vice President

CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY

By:

John W. Schuler
JOHN W. SCHULER,

Attorney-In-Fact

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint John W. Schuler, Paul Cameron, Individually

of Austin, Texas

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 11th day of June, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 11th day of June, 1997, before me personally came

M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Robert E. Ayo, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 25th day of January, 1999.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Robert E. Ayo

Assistant Secretary

Consider approving purchase of 1.499 acres of right-of-way at the intersection of County Road 200 and County Road 201.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Motion: To approve purchase of 1.499 acres of right-of-way to straighten "y" at intersection of County Roads 200 and 201.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 11

February 16, 1999

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date for public hearing for the closing of a portion of County Road 165.

Commissioner Limmer advised this is a short section of County Road 165 northwest of Hutto which is very seldom used and hardly maintained by Williamson County. The commissioner has signatures of all surrounding land owners agreeing to the closure and will post notices on the property, the courthouse and newspaper.

First Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye suggested Commissioner Limmer determine if any utility companies have need of the road.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To authorize Commissioner Limmer to advertise 10 o'clock a.m. March 23, 1999, for public hearing on the closing of a portion of County Road 165.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 12

February 16, 1999

Consider approving resolution to legislature pertaining to agriculture in Williamson County.

Stiles Farm Foundation Manager Archie Abrameit and members of the Williamson County Steering Committee of the Marketing Club advised they had been working diligently to impact legislation for improving the quality of life and the profitability in the agriculture situation which is in a crisis at this time. Current market prices are similar to those of the 1950's. Two of the last 3 years were disastrous to farmers and the rainfall forecast for 1999 does not look good.

He continued with the new technology being adapted they are still unable to compete with other nations who are not restricted like American farmers by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Also the labor requirements are so much cheaper in foreign countries.

Despite all this he felt they were still supporting many people by their efficiency in agriculture. One fourth to one-third of those who have farmed all their lives are facing the possibility of discontinuation.

Mr. Abrameit felt some federal level changes had been made. Currently the United States Congress is planning to re-open the farm bill and the Steering Committee plans to impact that legislation.

He felt if the Commissioners Court would approve the resolution the committee could send copies to other counties hoping for their support.

Moved: Commissioner Limmer

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve resolution to legislature pertaining to agriculture in Williamson County.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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