

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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