

AGENDA ITEM # 16

June 22, 1999

Discuss and take appropriate action on county support and sponsorship for participation in TEA-21 program for bridge restoration, cemetery restoration, nature trail development or any other transportation related issues.

Leo Wood advised the deadline for submission of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century grant application is August 9, 1999, and requested setting a public hearing in Commissioners Courtroom at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 1999.

Mr. Wood also requested authority be given the committee to engage architect/engineer to work with the committee on the project.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Limmer

Motion: To approve resolution acknowledging county sponsorship for participation in TEA-21 program for bridge restoration, cemetery restoration, nature trail development or any other transportation related issues.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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STATE OF TEXAS

* COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

KNOW ALL MEN BY THOSE PRESENT THAT ON THIS, the 22nd day of June, 1999, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

John C. Doerfler, County Judge
Michael Heiligenstein, Commissioner, Pct. #1
David Hays, Commissioner, Pct. #3
Frankie Limmer, Commissioner, Pct. #4
Nancy Rister, County Clerk

and at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Williamson County has a continued interest in the preservation and enhancement of historic and scenic routes in the county; and

WHEREAS, there are many historic and scenic routes located throughout Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Routes of Williamson County project meets the needs of Williamson County and the program requirements of the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program of the Texas Department of Transportation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas nominates the Historic Routes of Williamson County program for submission to the Texas Department of Transportation under the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program provided for by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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RESOLVED this 22nd day of June, 1999.

John C. Doerfler 6-22-99
John C. Doerfler, County Judge

ATTEST:

Nancy E. Rister
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

Moved: Commissioner Limmer

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To approve resolution to the Texas Department of Transportation acknowledging county sponsorship an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 over a three (3) year period with understanding that engineer/architect position will be paid from grant funds only - no funds from Williamson County.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 1 with Commissioner Heiligenstein voting against the motion.

For Consideration by the Commissioners Court
Williamson County, Texas

WHEREAS useful guidelines pertaining to the following resolutions are found within the document "Williamson County Road Corridor Heritage Management Initiative", prepared by the Friends of Williamson County and dated June 22, 1999, the Court hereby attaches said document to each of the following resolutions as reference.

Williamson County Heritage Road Program

WHEREAS Williamson County is endowed with rural roads rich in scenic, natural, and cultural heritage of important value to all residents, landowners, and the county as a whole and is one in which large, venerable trees are recognized and valued landmarks, and

WHEREAS certain roadside developments and other actions have eroded the value of this heritage setting for all concerned,

THEREFORE the Commissioners Court hereby declares that rural roads of the county with significant scenic, natural, and cultural value shall be henceforth designated as Williamson County Heritage Roads; that large and venerable trees 2-1/2 feet or greater in diameter shall be designated as Williamson County Heritage Trees; and that all who reside in or are active in Williamson County are hereby called upon to give all due respect to these important resources.

FURTHER, the County is directed to inventory and map trees within the County right-of-way with a diameter (dbh) of 24 inches and greater; to designate as Williamson County Heritage Trees those with a diameter of 30 inches and greater; to protect all mature trees to the greatest extent feasible as elements of Williamson County's Road Heritage; and to design, fabricate, and affix a small emblem approved by the Court to Heritage Trees signifying them as such.

FURTHER, the Court requests that any public agency or public or private utility inform it in writing in advance of the intended removal or significant alteration of any tree larger than 20 inches in diameter within the County right-of-way, including crown cutting for utility line clearance, and that such removal or significant alteration be deferred until the Court has offered its opinion on the intended action, provided that the Court offer such opinion within two weeks of being so informed.

FURTHER, the Court resolves that the greatest feasible degree of protection, under the oversight of the Unified Road Department, and/or the Williamson County Agricultural Extension Service, be given to other elements of Williamson County's Road Heritage, including tree-canopied roadsides, creek vistas at bridges and low-water crossings, and historic village centers. The Department is directed to study and list for the Court three bridge or low-water crossings as candidates for scenic easement acquisition where property owners may express willingness to grant such easements and the Court will consider such candidates when presented to it.

The Court hereby approves the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be appropriated by the Williamson County Commissioners' Court for the inventorying and mapping of Heritage Trees and the design, printing, and affixation of a metal emblem, with a design approved by the Court, to the largest Heritage Tree specimens.

FURTHER, WHEREAS quality residential community and commercial development are welcome in Williamson County but the rapid spread of development remote from existing County roads and other infrastructure and services with adequate current capacity is a strain on County taxation-based fiscal resources, the Court hereby resolves that certain Williamson County Heritage Roads or segments thereof, to be designated following appropriate study and approval by the Court, however, public safety must be the priority.

WHEREAS, many residents of Williamson County have expressed great interest in outdoor recreation including hiking, horseback riding, walking, and bicycling along county roads, the Court hereby finds that paths and trails that accommodate these pursuits are desirable public amenities within rights-of-way of sufficient width and suitable locations. The Commissioners' Court is hereby directed to ascertain which county road rights-of-way identified on the Williamson County Transportation Multi-Corridor Plan could be designated as appropriate alignments for such paths and trails.

Improved County Road Landscape Maintenance

WHEREAS superior maintenance of right-of-way trees and other landscape elements is a necessity for the preservation and enhancement of Williamson County's roadside visual quality, which is recognized as a significant contributor to both public esteem of the county and to abuttor property value, the Court will designate a staff member, trained in horticultural or landscape design, as landscape crew leader in charge of tree pruning and trimming, tree removal, injury repair and disease control, general maintenance, Heritage Tree documentation, *mapping of County Heritage Road Corridors as they may be designated by the Commissioners Court*, and new landscape planting responsibilities. The Department is directed to undertake new right-of-way plantings of shrubs and small native ornamental trees and of large trees, consistent with State of Texas roadside safety standards, where remediation of damaged roadside landscape is advisable.

R.O.W. Match for Private Landscape Installations

WHEREAS it is recognized that incentives can be an effective tool in encouraging businesses and other entities to maintain and improve quality landscaping and screening along their frontages and improve the safety of our traveling public by improving sight distances, the Court hereby approves the sum of \$20,000 for expenditure on plant materials and labor by the Unified Road Department on county road right-of-way plantings along businesses that lack landscaping and safe sight distances and whose owners are willing to plant within their own frontages, on the basis of 50¢ expended by the County for each \$1 expended by the participating abuttor owner up to a maximum match of \$1,000 for a given property frontage in unincorporated areas of the county;

FURTHER, that the sum of \$10,000 is approved for Department expenditure on plantings along businesses in unincorporated areas of the county that lack landscaping whose owners are willing to erect either attractive fencing other than metal mesh (chain-link) or landscaped berms on their frontages, on the basis of 25¢ expended by the County for each \$1 expended by the owner up to a maximum match of \$1,000 for a given property frontage; and

FURTHER, that the sum of \$10,000 is approved for plantings by the Department along frontages of properties whose owners voluntarily set back structures 25 additional feet behind the statutory 25 foot building setback and install landscaping and non-mesh (chain-link) fencing within the combined setback, agreeing to maintain such larger setbacks for a minimum of 10 years, with a match basis of 25¢ expenditure by the County for each \$1 expended by the owner, up to a maximum match of \$1,000 for a given property frontage.

WHEREAS the coexistence of businesses with roadside trees and shrubs is a sign of area quality along County roads, the Court hereby calls upon business owners to voluntarily preserve 60 percent of the trees that front their properties wherever feasible and to situate business signs in front of, between, or above the crowns of mature trees.

Assistance of the Texas Department of Transportation

WHEREAS, the State of Texas encourages local government and private owners to maintain and improve the quality of roadsides in Texas, the Court hereby directs the Unified Road Department to apply for funds under the Texas Department of Transportation Landscape Cost Sharing Program, requesting an initial grant of \$250 thousand, to be matched by \$250 thousand in qualifying County in-kind contributions, for the purposes of new landscape plantings along county and state-designated roads.

FURTHER, the Court directs the Department to publicize to Williamson County businesses, associations, and institutions the Williamson County Adopt-a-Road Program, which serves as a framework for roadside clean-up, and the State of Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program, which serves as a framework for both roadside clean-up and landscape planting and maintenance.

WHEREAS economic development along the frontage roads of I-35 is changing the character of Williamson County from rural-open to business-intensive, and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the County to fortify scenic landscape along its roads so that its reputation as a quality of life region can be maintained even as new enterprises and the general economy grow, the Court hereby recommends to the Texas Department of Transportation that it allocate additional funds for new right-of-way plantings along I-35 in areas of Williamson County experiencing commercial development to soften and partially screen the view of parking areas and structures not essential in the advertising of their businesses, in order to convey to travellers that Williamson County is respectful of both business development and quality environment.

WHEREAS Interstate Highway noise introduced into the peripheries of existing rural communities can constitute adverse effects on their quality of life, and

WHEREAS the final selected route of State Highway 130 may pass between or adjacent to small communities of Williamson County which were developed in rural surroundings in part to escape the distractions and noise of Interstate Highway corridors, the Court hereby invites TXDOT to give serious consideration to depressing SH 130 below grade, erecting attractive acoustic barriers, and undertaking other measures that would minimize noise and other adverse effects on such communities.

Educational and Promotional Tools

WHEREAS a number of Williamson County citizens have expressed the belief that the County could promote better private landscaping efforts by educational means and whereas the County does have the capabilities to so educate the public, the Court hereby directs the County to prepare and publish a roadside development guidelines primer that would illustrate useful and inexpensive measures which could be undertaken by frontage businesses and community developers to utilize to the best advantage Williamson County's quality roadside landscape heritage.

FURTHER, the Court resolves that the real estate and development sector leadership of Williamson County be invited to meet with County officials in informal discussions twice a year, or more frequently given participant interest, to address issues of potential conflict between development and roadside heritage and to encourage superior quality in all areas of community and business development.

FURTHER, the Court resolves to explore the possibilities of assistance by the Williamson County Extension Service and the Agricultural Extension Service State Office in the production of a Williamson County roadside development educational brochure and in the supplying of plant materials to the County for new County right-of-way landscape installations.

Legislative Endorsements and Community Review

WHEREAS new measures may be necessary to provide Williamson County with the capability to protect its natural and scenic resources for the well-being of its citizens and for the benefit of new community development as well as for established neighborhoods, the Court hereby expresses support for bills in ~~the present session~~ *future regular and special sessions of the Texas Legislature, including House Bill 423, submitted by Representative Bob Turner of Coleman,* which would reasonably strengthen the authority of county government to manage the review and approval of new residential and commercial development.

FURTHER, *WHEREAS neighborliness is an esteemed Williamson County quality,* the Court directs County staff to seek non-binding review and comment by residents of Williamson County unincorporated communities on proposed subdivisions and businesses planned on sites within a quarter mile of such existing communities, to facilitate constructive discussion of visual, traffic, and other potential impacts and their possible resolution through voluntary siting and design decisions on the part of the developer.

AGENDA ITEM # 17

June 22, 1999

Consider amending change order for duct work on old Farmers State Bank building.

Moved: Commissioner Limmer

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To amend change order for duct work on old Farmers State Bank building with addition of \$3,100.00.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0 with Commissioner Heiligenstein absent from the dais.

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June 17, 1999

Voelter Associates, inc.
Architects and Planners AIA
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Dear Sir:

He following is the price for the change order to install ductwork in roof trusses at the Historical Museum.

Labor and materials on ductwork in roof trusses with credit to eliminate work on one skylight. Total price Add ~~\$5,007.50~~

5,500⁰⁰ JCB
2,400⁰⁰ - previously approved
3,100⁰⁰ - more needed JCB
Approved 6-22-99
John C. Daerflin

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If you have any questions feel free to call:

Sincerely,

William R. Bush

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Estimator, PrimeStore, Inc.