

Regular Agenda

AGENDA ITEM # 8SEPTEMBER 7, 1999Hear presentation on courthouse restoration master plan.

Grant writer Leo Wood introduced Tom Nichols and Pete McRae of Eleven Thirteen Architects of 110 West 8th Street, Georgetown who are working on the bridge and trails historic preservation program for Williamson County. Mr. Wood advised the State of Texas has \$50 million grant funds available for courthouse renovation and restoration. The master plans require completion and submission by March 1, 2000. Application deadline is March 7, 2000. The key to the proposal is the master planning.

Mr. Wood felt \$4 million would be the maximum amount needed for Williamson County. All grants require 15% county match of which the master plan fee could be a part. He felt the balustrades replacement would be a key component in restoring the courthouse to original 1910 condition. The dome, roof, landscaping, restructure within the building, any ADA non-compliance and the possibility of upgrading the elevator could be included.

A first-class master plan is necessary to be competitive in the grant process. The grants will be limited - \$25 million for first round and \$25 million for the second round. Quality master planning will be the key component for courthouse preservation in the State of Texas.

No action was taken on this item which will be added to the agenda of September 14, 1999.

AGENDA ITEM # 9SEPTEMBER 7, 1999Consider approving disbanding Sesquicentennial Committee and authorize all remaining assets to go to the Williamson County Historical Society.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve disbanding Sesquicentennial Committee, close the books and bank accounts and transfer total assets to the Williamson County Historical Society.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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