

AGENDA ITEM 33

Consider terminating contract with Lamar Advertising for billboard at old jail site.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To terminate contract with Lamar Advertising for billboard at old jail site on Main Street in Georgetown.

Vote: Motion carried 4 – 1 with Commissioner Limmer voting against the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 34

Consider noting donation to Sheriff's Department of two jet ski bikes for water safety enforcement.

Sheriff Department Patrol Captain Shawn Newsom discussed this donation and answered questions.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To note donation to Sheriff's Department of two jet ski bikes for water safety enforcement.

Vote: Motion carried 4 – 1 with Commissioner Heiligenstein voting against the motion.

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JOHN MASPERO
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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To: The Williamson County Commissioners Court
From: Captain Shawn Newsom: Williamson County Sheriff's Department
Ref: Lake Patrol Consideration
Date: August 3, 2000

To Members of the Williamson County Commissioners Court,

The Williamson County Sheriff's Department has the opportunity to receive two jet ski waterbikes from Central Texas Motor Sports in Georgetown. This program has been established by the Yamaha Motor Corporation and is utilized by law enforcement agencies across the nation. This opportunity has come to us with virtually no expense to the citizens of Williamson County. The Yamaha Corporation realizes the desperate need to control water safety/enforcement on the nations recreational lakes and rivers. With this the "Law Loan" program was established.


This program provides Williamson County to receive two waterbikes to be utilized for enforcement of water safety on area Williamson County Lakes. In the agreement The Sheriff's Department will obtain two new waterbikes annually. Upon trading the waterbikes in at the end of this period Williamson County would have a fee not to exceed two hundred dollars. This fee goes towards the make ready process of which the dealer accrues to resale the waterbike. The dealer would also provide maintenance for the waterbikes at a fraction of the cost. In the unlikely case of a catastrophic accident of which the waterbikes were totaled Williamson County would occur the expense of each waterbike.

The sheriff's department currently has deputy's certified in this area of enforcement and are eagerly awaiting this assignment. The Granger Lake Corps of Engineers has also expressed a strong support for this endeavor. (see attached letter)

I am sure you will agree that the safety that these waterbikes would establish on the lakes of Williamson County would greatly benefit the safety to each and every citizen of Williamson County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,


Captain Shawn Newsom

Approved 8-8-00
John C. Elliott



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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GRANGER, TEXAS 76530-5067

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

July 27, 2000

Operations Division

Captain Shawn Newsom
Williamson County Sheriff's Dept
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Tx 78626

Dear Sir:

In reference to your inquiry as to the need for additional water safety patrols on Granger Lake I offer you the following information. Granger Lake is rapidly becoming one of the most popular sites for water based recreation in the Central Texas area. This trend, coupled with the increased affluence of our users has resulted in a dramatic increase in the numbers of personal watercraft (PWC) being used on our lake.

During periods of heavy boating activity, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers currently performs water safety patrols at every opportunity. Our patrols are conducted using a conventional patrol boat manned by two officers. The patrol boat is only effective to a certain degree in regards to the regulation of personal watercraft. The patrol boat is limited in the pursuit of PWC in that it is less maneuverable and cannot operate effectively in shallow water. In addition, it is difficult to maneuver in close proximity to the PWC due to the size difference of the vessels. Our officers are not authorized to enforce provisions of the Texas Water Safety Act. This is an obvious weakness in our ability to provide a safe boating environment to all our users.

I understand your department is considering increasing its presence on the waters of Granger Lake through the use of PWC. I fully support this effort because of the resulting increased ability to address the concerns listed above.

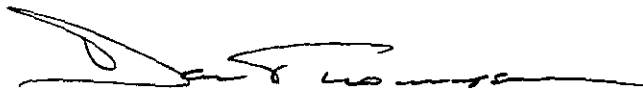
The Williamson County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have formed a long and successful partnership in the promotion of the safety and well being of the citizens of



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Williamson County over many years. I have no reason to think that the introduction of uniformed deputies on personal watercraft to the waters of Granger Lake will have anything other than a positive effect for the citizens and our relationship. I wholeheartedly support this effort and am looking forward to working with your department in this law enforcement endeavor.

If I may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by calling 512/ 859-2668.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Thomasson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Thomasson
Lake Manager

AGENDA ITEM 35

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date to open proposals for providing pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical service/supplies for the jail.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To authorize County Auditor advertising 2:30 p.m. August 29, 2000, to open proposals in the County Auditor's office for providing pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical service/supplies for the Williamson County Jail.

Vote: Motion carried 5 – 0

AGENDA ITEM 36

Consider approving resolution in support of conservation and reinvestment act. (CARA)

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve resolution in support of conservation and reinvestment act. (CARA)

Vote: Motion carried 3 – 0 with Commissioners Boatright and Hays absent from the dais.

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