

AGENDA 20

Consider approving contract with ACi for environmental assessment on proposed extension of D.B. Wood Road.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a \$18,500.00 contract with payment from certificates of obligation to Ecological and Regulatory Planning Consultants, ACi, for environmental assessment for approximately 1 mile from Highway 29 to Leander Road in association with extension of D.B. Wood Road.

Vote: Motion carried 5 – 0

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May 9, 2000

David Hays
County Commissioner
Precinct # 3
Williamson County
1900 Georgetown Inner Loop
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Re: Scope of Services / Extension of D.B. Wood Road

Dear Commissioner Hays:

This is a contract to provide ecological services for the proposed extension of D.B. Wood Road in Williamson County, Texas. The services include a karst survey to identify features (caves, sinkholes, etc.) which may house federally-listed karst invertebrates, and a habitat evaluation to assess the potential for golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo, two federally-listed migratory songbirds.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this contract proposal, please call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Steve Paulson

Athabasca Consulting, Inc. (ACi)

ACi

Ecological and Regulatory Planning Consultants

Terms and Conditions

The following is a brief description of the services by ACi under the terms and conditions of this contract:

Work Order # 1: Karst Survey

ACi will conduct a karst survey to identify suspected karst features (caves, sinkholes, etc.) which have the potential to house species listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under the rules and regulations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). ACi personnel familiar with the Edwards Limestone Formation and the listed karst invertebrates will walk transects at specified distances to systematically cover the proposed roadway extension area. The survey area for the roadway extension is estimated to be over two (2) miles long and 1000 feet wide. A report that details the survey method, any known locations of karst features, and recommendations for protecting those features will be provided following the karst survey.

Cost of Work Order # 1: \$18,500.00

Work Order # 2: Habitat Evaluation

ACi personnel familiar with golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo habitat will conduct a habitat evaluation to determine the potential for either species to be present within the proposed roadway extension area. The proposed roadway extension area is over two (2) miles long and 1000 feet wide. ACi personnel will analyze the structural and compositional elements of the vegetation within the proposed extension area to determine what the probability of golden-cheeked warbler or black-capped vireo to regularly utilize the area. A report that summarizes the evaluation and possible protection options will be provided following the site visit.

Cost of Work Order # 2: \$2,000.00

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HOURLY RATES

President	\$125.00
Vice-President	\$125.00
Senior Scientist	\$95.00
Staff Scientist	\$75.00
Field Technician	\$55.00
Administrative	\$40.00

All work will be billed on a time and materials basis. Billing will be on a monthly basis. If you find the terms and conditions acceptable, please sign both agreements, return one to ACi, and keep one for your files.

Accepted (Client): Williamson County
Signature: John C. Doerfler
Name (Print): John C. Doerfler
Title: County Judge
Date: 5-23-00

Accepted (ACi):
Signature: _____
Date: _____

AGENDA 21

Consider granting variance to subdivision regulations for a 4.74-acre tract owned by Connie Hall.

Mr. Cecil Jenkins spoke for Ms. Hall, explaining this variance would only change the status from a rent house to a one owner house.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To grant variance to subdivision regulations for a 4.74 acre tract with an existing house owned by Connie Hall in exchange for 10' additional right-of-way for County Road 219.

Vote: Motion carried 4 – 0 with Commissioner Heiligenstein absent from the dais.

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