

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:38 A. M.,
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000.**

AGENDA ITEM 41

Discuss pending litigation: Anthony Gatusso v. Charles Kelley, et al (EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED as per VTCA Govt Code sec. 551.071 pertaining to consultation with attorney).

No action taken in executive session.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:48 A. M.
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000.**

AGENDA ITEM 42

Discuss and take any appropriate action on pending litigation: Anthony Gatusso v. Charles Kelley, et al.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize attorney Paul Jordan to negotiate settlement for pending litigation of Anthony Gatusso v. Charles Kelley, et al.

Vote: Motion carried 5 – 0

AGENDA ITEM 43

Comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Heiligenstein, County Road Superintendent Greg Bergeron and Judge Doerfler discussed the recent hiring of additional staff engineer with surveyor's license to begin employment September 1, 2000. The 2000/ 01 budget for Unified Road System includes a Tech 2 surveyor with two (2) Tech 1's, four (4) truck drivers, a Utility Inspector and Nuisance Officer.

Commissioner Limmer discussed the problem of illegal dumping in the county.

Judge Doerfler and County Auditor David Flores discussed the projected cash ending balance of 1999/ 2000 budget.

Commissioner Boatright discussed request he had received from Armbrust Brown & Davis, L.L.P. under the Open Records Act with First Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye.

Commissioner Boatright advised CAMPO voted on the draft program last week including Williamson County roads which is now eligible for 4C federal funds.

The Court discussed right-of-way acquisition and the four (4) proposed tollway projects involving SH 45, 183A, SH 130 and extension of Loop 1 to IH 35 in Williamson County.

Commissioner Limmer requested an item on the agenda of August 22, 2000, to consider awarding bid for County Road 122 paving and drainage improvements.

Commissioner Limmer and Judge Doerfler discussed cost of living increase for retired Williamson County employees required annual consideration for approval.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 11:26 A.M ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 1:41 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000**AGENDA ITEM 44**

Work Session - Jail expansion, future road bond issues, park issues.

Judge Doerfler opened the session indicating the object of this meeting would be decisions on road priorities and approximate funds required with the possibility of a bond package being added to the ballot of November 7, 2000. McCall, Parkhurst and Horton, L.L.P. Carol Polumbo and First Southwest Company Dan Wegmiller were in attendance for advice and wording for a bond package.

Land Strategies Mike Weaver distributed a map and graph as he addressed the court and answered questions.

During the discussion Judge Doerfler suggested the entire package be added to the ballot as one item.

During discussion \$200M was estimated for county and state roads and \$150M was estimated for the four (4) toll roads.

Commissioner Heiligenstein discussed the State of Texas applying to the U.S. Government for a \$700M loan to "jump start" the \$3.2 billion state roads project.

Judge Doerfler estimated \$0.12 per \$100.00 evaluation tax increase during the peak years of 2007 and 2008 if a \$350M bond package is approved by the voters of Williamson County.

Commissioner Heiligenstein advised the motion he would have liked would be to instruct our consultants and fiscal advisor to develop a schedule which would (1) include the accelerated program schedule as presented by TxDOT for the Big Four; (2) include the county and state arterials as prioritized in the initial study; (3) include those roadways added as principally county road extensions or expansions with the understanding that the schedule would reflect the tax increases associated with each of those groupings in a schedule.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 3:12 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000**COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 3:25 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000**

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a \$350M road bond package being added to the ballot as one (1) item for the election of November 7, 2000.

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

Land Strategies Mike Weaver advised the court his firm would continue to be available for prioritizing the road projects by precincts.

AGENDA ITEM 45

Discuss and take any appropriate action regarding jail expansion, future road bond issues and park issues.

Land Strategies Pix Howell introduced Jim Rogers from Cedar Park, Sharon Prete from Round Rock, and Fern Bluff Municipal Utility District Board Members Jean Cochran and Terri Thompson as well as Williamson County Special Coordinator Julie L. Wolff.

Mr. Howell advised a consultant is on board designing the first portion of Brushy Creek Trail which will require approximately nine (9) months to build. At that time the maintenance begins – EMS, Police, Fire Department, Trail maintenance, Trash, Lighting, etc.

He discussed the possibility of connecting Williamson County trails to LCRA Park, Brazos River Trail system, eastern Travis County as well as potential tie in to Bastrop and Bell Counties. Judge Doerfler and Mr. Howell discussed the possibility of connecting to Bagdad Trails.