

**AGENDA ITEM 16**

Consider blocking off portions of Twinberry Trail in Round Rock for block party on Nov. 11, 2000, from 3pm to 8pm.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve blocking off portions of Twinberry Trail in Round Rock for block party on Nov. 11, 2000, from 3pm to 8pm.

Vote: **3 – 1** with Commissioner Heiligenstein voting against the motion.

**Regular Agenda****AGENDA ITEM 17**

Hear report from Eleven Thirteen Architects on Courthouse Restoration grant.

Karalei Nunn and Pete McCray from Eleven Thirteen Architects and Leo Wood discussed the status of the courthouse restoration grant. The county has received a grant for \$243,500 for restoration projects. It was discussed that the available money would cover the restoration of the doors and windows, or that it could be applied to restoration of the dome, which is the most endangered part of the courthouse.

Plans have to be submitted by April 1, 2001, for the grant. It was discussed that the plans could include work that is not funded by the grant allocation. It was also a consensus that the roof, dome and balustrade need to be restored at the same time.

This item will be added to the November 7, 2000, agenda.

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October 31, 2000

The Honorable John Doerfler  
& Commissioners Court of Williamson County  
Williamson County Courthouse  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

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Dear Judge and Commissioners,

We received word on October 27<sup>th</sup> from the Texas Historical Commission that Williamson County will receive a \$243,500 grant from the Courthouse Preservation Grant Program. We had hoped for a larger award, but the points awarded to the Courthouse essentially are 'maxed out' at 164 points. You may recall, however, that we were able to improve the total from Round I to Round II by 14 points. Further increases are unlikely given the system used by THC. The highest point total in this round was 191; the Williamson Courthouse ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 73 county submissions.

The THC Board chose to spread the available \$7 million dollars among the top 24 counties, instead of 2-3 large grant awards. This obviously was beneficial to our cause, since a number of Round II entries were pre-1900 courthouses (15 of 24), and those have a higher intrinsic value under the THC point system.

We have prepared three recommendations for the Court on how to apply the \$243,500 should the County accept the grant award. Those recommendations follow.

The grant would cover the approximate cost to:

- Refinish the windows and doors—approximately \$225,000,

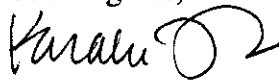
or

The \$243,500 could be applied:

- To restore the balustrades and pediments, and install new roof—approximately \$580,000;
- To restore the dome, replace the roof and lightening protect building— approximately \$700,000 (the dome is the most endangered part of the building).

There are obviously other ways to allocate these dollars. We have concentrated here on the exterior, which is the restoration priority of the building. We would be happy to do a more in-depth report if the Court so wishes.

Best Regards,



Karalei Nunn

President

1113 Architects, Inc.



**AGENDA ITEM 18**

Discuss and consider taking action on preliminary plat of Weeks subdivision.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve preliminary plat of Weeks subdivision.

Vote: 4 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 19**

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date to open bids for trucks and heavy equipment for URS.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To authorize advertising and setting date of November 20, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom to open bids for trucks and heavy equipment for URS.

Vote: 4 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 20**

Consider approving LLEBG (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant) application for Sheriff's Dept.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve LLEBG (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant) application for the Sheriff's Department.

Vote: 4 - 0

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