

AGENDA ITEM 34**Discuss and take any appropriate action on road bond projects.**

Prime Strategies Mike Weaver addressed the court regarding cash flow schedule. He suggested a \$50M to \$60M bond sale rather quickly would carry the current interest rate with 2% tax increase and carry the program in excess of a year. Inner Loop, Parmer Lane, 79 and individual precinct projects could begin with these funds.

Mr. Weaver also suggested the court put into writing their position on funding time and frontage roads along SH 45 and 183.

The third item would be determining the financial framework. Since the engineering proposals are due Wednesday, December 20, 2000, he suggested a January 9, 2001, work session. This would allow time for review and possibly decisions made.

Mr. Weaver also suggested Alan Glen and Steve Paulson continue to work on these projects. "We have a long way to go obtaining clearance from Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife issues on Parmer Lane. The process should begin as soon as possible and would probably require 90/120 days for exploratory work building on the process Commissioner Hays has already accomplished. They would be responsible for a definite plan as well as expense of the project." Prime Strategies has estimated \$10M for environmental litigation.

Commissioner Boatright has volunteered to work with CAMPO and TxDOT, Commissioner Heiligenstein with TTA and Commissioner Hays with Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Weaver recommended County Judge John Doerfler be authorized to enter into a new agreement with attorney Charles Crossfield to act as Right-of-Way Manager. The county attorney is to review all agreements and contracts but would like the authority to use Charlie Crossfield if needed. Charlie's agreement will be put on the agenda for January 9, 2001, for approval. Commissioner Boatright expressed that he would like to see Mike Weaver's contract finalized and agreements with the cities involved in the projects inside their city limits and timelines.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To authorize the sale of \$60 million Road Bonds and \$10 million Park Bonds.

Vote: 4 – 0

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To authorize correspondence to the Texas Turnpike Authority designating frontage roads in various locations while expressing the desire of Williamson County to know for sure and certain that a road will be built before expending funds for right-of-way.

Vote: 4 – 0

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To retain Pena Swayze & Co. for accounting and tracking, Steve Paulson of AGi and Alan Glen of Smith, Robertson, Elliott & Glen law firm for environmental work, and attorney Charles Crossfield for Right-of-Way agent for assistance in carrying out park and road bonds.

Vote: 4 – 0

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To authorize correspondence to TxDOT advising them that Williamson County is not interested in payment of 100% of right-of-way for SH 130.

Vote: 4 – 0

AGENDA ITEM 35**Comments from commissioners.**

Commissioner Heiligenstein reported on CUC meeting discussing approaching the State Legislature for a bill providing enforcement of parking citations. The Commissioner asked the office of the Williamson County Attorney's office for possible assistance with the legislative effort.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 2:25 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000.