

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded:

Motion: To look at sites other than Inner Loop for jail expansion.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To build jail expansion in downtown Georgetown.

During discussion Commissioner Heiligenstein suggested the court would be suspending investigation of site location from the economic standpoint if the site decision was made at this time.

Judge Doerfler withdrew his second to the motion. He and Commissioner Boatright are attending a meeting with Landmark Development on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, to discuss money involved for each location and felt the court owed Williamson County citizens the best price available.

Commissioner Limmer withdrew his motion.

Judge Doerfler advised the January 23, 2001, agenda would include an item for selection of a site for jail expansion.

AGENDA ITEM 66

Discuss and take any appropriate action on road bond projects.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve letter to William C. Garbade, P.E. with TxDOT to upgrade US 79 from County Road 110 to Williamson County line.

Vote: 4 - 0 with Commissioner Hays absent from the dais.

< Attachment >

John C. Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County



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January 10, 2001

William C. Garbade, P.E.
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District Office
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Austin, Texas 78761-5426

Re: Upgrade of US 79 from CR 110 to Williamson County Line

Dear Mr. Garbade:

Thank you for meeting with Commissioner Boatright and me regarding Williamson County's participation in TxDOT projects. I would like to reiterate that State Highway 79 from the Dell Diamond to the Williamson County/Milam County Line is one of our highest priority projects. SH 79 is our only major east-west roadway. Development is occurring daily, increasing traffic and limiting our ability to cost effectively acquire right-of-way for the expansion of existing SH 79 to a 4-lane divided roadway (with continuous left-turn lane and other capacity/safety enhancements) from Round Rock to east of Taylor.

The County is proposing that the design of SH 79 within these limits be changed from the current 4-lane "poor boy" to a 4 to 6-lane divided highway, and that the Texas Department of Transportation partner with Williamson County to accelerate the reconstruction of this important segment of US 79. In this partnership approach, we would propose that the responsibilities for the project be shared in the following manner:

- Environmental studies, right-of-way maps, initial design: Williamson County
- Right-of-way acquisition: 50% TxDOT/50% Williamson County
- Utility adjustments: 90% TxDOT/10% Williamson County
- Construction: TxDOT, with future contribution by Williamson County to be determined

We are proposing a very expedited schedule for this project. We have already retained the services of Carter & Burgess to prepare the environmental documents, schematic design, and right-of-way maps. Commissioner Frankie Limmer will be the point of contact for the Commissioners Court on the SH 79 upgrade program. You may reach Commissioner Limmer at 412 Vance, Suite 213, Taylor, Texas 76574, or by telephone at 352-4111. If you need additional information on the project to prepare any necessary agreements, please contact Michael Weaver at Prime Strategies, Inc. (telephone 445-7074). Mr. Weaver is serving as the Bond Program Manager for Williamson County. We request your assistance in seeking future year funding and expedited handling by TxDOT of this high priority project.

With regard to other projects in Williamson County, our consultants are currently reviewing your District's list of projects and comparing it to the County's priorities. I know that many of the projects are on both lists. And, as I told you in our meeting, Williamson County is committed to do whatever it can do to accelerate a project or help you secure funding.

The County is ready to proceed with development of the SH 79 upgrade project as soon as the necessary agreements are in place. We appreciate your assistance with this very important project, and look forward to other partnering opportunities with TxDOT to accelerate other needed transportation improvements in Williamson County.

Sincerely,

John C. Doerfler 1-9-01

John C. Doerfler
Williamson County Judge

cc: Mike Heiligenstein, County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Greg Boatright, County Commissioner, Precinct 2
David Hays, County Commissioner, Precinct 3
Frankie Limmer, County Commissioner, Precinct 4
Glen Pierce, Mayor of Hutto (until 12/31/00: new Mayor not yet named)
Randall J. Pick, Mayor of Taylor
Michael J. Weaver, Prime Strategies, Inc.

Moved: Commissioner Heiligstein

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To approve Williamson County 10% participation for purchase SH 130 right-of-way.

Vote: 5 – 0

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To approve adoption of budget proposed by Prime Strategies not to exceed \$60M road bonds and \$10M park bonds for one (1) year.

Vote: 3 – 0 with Commissioners Hays and Limmer absent from the dais.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To authorize letter signed by Judge Doerfler to be mailed to the engineering firms who have been selected for the project requesting meetings to define the scope and fees of the contracts.

Vote: 4 – 0 with Commissioner Limmer absent from the dais.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:57 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:02 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001.

No action was taken in executive session.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 4:03 P. M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001.

MINUTES
OF THE
WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT MEETING

January 9, 2001

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 4:04 p.m. on January 9, 2001, a **REGULAR SESSION** of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held pursuant to V.A.C.S. art. 6702, acting as ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts, the following members being present:

JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge

MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1

GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2

DAVID HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Absent..... **FRANKIE LIMMER**, Commissioner, Precinct 4

NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk

I.

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Vote: **4 – 0**

II.

Discuss and take appropriate action on the **Southeast Williamson County Road District #1**, including, but not limited to payment of bills.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve payment of bills of:

\$37.50 to Brown McCarroll Sheets & Crossfield, L.L.P.

\$200.00 to Nickey Lawrence

Vote: **4 – 0**

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