

MINUTES

Of The

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

August 14, 2001

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:45 a.m. on August 14, 2001, a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following members being present, to-wit:

JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge
MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2
DAVID HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3
FRANKIE LIMMER, Commissioner, Precinct 4
EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney
NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk
DAVID U. FLORES, County Auditor

AGENDA ITEM 1

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda.

David Harper, Williamson County Capital Metro Representative, gave his monthly report and discussed mass transit issues.

Joe England, County Engineer, stated that there is continuing progress on installation of the solar school zone lights. He also discussed construction on Anderson Mill Road.

Della Green of Georgetown read a letter to the court from Ronald Swain of the TRG Neighborhood Association, opposing the jail expansion at the current location.

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Chrystle B. Swain

To: Williamson County Commissioners

From: Ronald L. Swain, Jr., Representing the TRG Neighborhood Association

Date: August 14, 2001

We, The TRG Neighborhood Association, once again voice strong opposition to the jail expansion at the Rock and 3rd Street location. Be advised that we are not trying to mitigate this project, rather we want it halted. TRG remains steadfast in requesting that an **impact study** that evaluates safety and the overall health and economic well being of the Ridge area and the downtown business district be completed before *any* construction begins. We ask that an outside firm be contracted to conduct a *comprehensive* impact study.

While the county has agreed (late in the planning) that an impact study be conducted, Broaddus and Associates was chosen to conduct this study. Broaddus and Associates is the construction management firm overseeing the construction of the jail extension facility. While conducting the study, the county has also instructed Broaddus and Associates to keep the jail extension project on schedule. Broaddus and Associates is put in the position of working at cross purposes. With so many questions, yet to be answered, it is the wisest course of action for the county to instruct the consulting firm of Broaddus and Associates to halt all building activity! This approach would restore "good faith" efforts that we hope will continue to be a part of our discussions.

While TRG has taken a first step in presenting questions for impact study considerations, we know that we have not even scratched the surface when it comes to addressing these kinds of issues. A firm experienced in assessing impact issues for municipalities and a firm that is not actively involved with the construction of the facility will serve all of our needs in a fair and impartial manner.

Again, as a first step, the following questions are presented by members of the TRG jail extension impact study focus group. These questions represent critical concerns.

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TRG PRELIMINARY JAIL EXTENTION IMPACT STUDY QUESTIONS

What are the long range jail expansion plans beyond 2012 and how will they affect the TRG neighborhood?

How was the scale and the design of the jail extension determined?

What are the economic and environmental threats to the downtown business district?

What are the implications for the Downtown Overlay district?

What are the economic and environmental threats to the TRG community?

What are the economic and environmental threats to the Water's Edge apartment complex?

How will the county handle "escape" notifications to residents in the area?"

How will the county handle "escape" notifications to members of the business community?

How will the county pay for the jail expansion and meet current fire and police ~~budget~~ concerns?

AGENDA ITEM 2

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 7, 2001 meeting.

Vote: **5 - 0**

AGENDA ITEM 3

Hear County Auditor concerning invoices and bills submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the county.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize the payment of \$2,575,321.13 in computer printout from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 2000/2001 County Budget.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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