

AGENDA ITEM 16

Consider approving closing of Hoxie Street in Coupland from Broad St. east to N. Commerce (Spur 277) on May 6, 2001 from 1pm to 6pm for a community block party.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve closing of Hoxie Street in Coupland from Broad St. east to N. Commerce (Spur 277) on May 6, 2001 from 1pm to 6pm for a community block party.

Vote: **5 - 0**

Regular Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 17

Consider approving resolution supporting Ozone Flex Plan for the Clean Air Program.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve resolution supporting Ozone Flex Plan for the Clean Air Program.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

NOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT THAT ON THIS, the 3rd day of APRIL, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, with the following members present:

John C. Doerfler, County Judge
Mike Heiligenstein, Commissioner, Pct. #1
Greg Boatright, Commissioner, Pct. #2
David Hays, Commissioner, Pct. #3
Frankie Limmer, Commissioner, Pct. #4

and at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

Resolution

WHEREAS the local governments within the Metropolitan Statistical Area of Central Texas, including the geographical counties of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson, recognize that they are in near-violation of the 1-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone; and

WHEREAS the EPA, Region 6 has proposed a O₃ Flex Plan option that would assist local governments who are pro-actively seeking a means to remain in attainment with the NAAQS; and

WHEREAS such a Plan would achieve air quality and public health benefits by implementing early voluntary pollution control measures for ozone tailored to local conditions before air quality standard violations occur or before Federal measures are mandated; and

WHEREAS the O₃ Flex Plan is a voluntary local approach to ozone attainment whose purpose is to encourage early emissions reductions that will keep the area in attainment of the 1-hour standard, while also starting to provide benefits envisioned under the 8-hour ozone standard; and

WHEREAS the O₃ Flex Plan is implemented through an intergovernmental agreement between EPA, the State of Texas and the local community; and

WHEREAS it is our understanding that such area may be allowed all available options, incentives and other flexibilities pertaining to the 8-hour ozone standard; and

WHEREAS it is the understanding of the signatory local governments that EPA will allow all available options, incentives, and other flexibilities pertaining to the 8-hour ozone standard when it becomes applicable; and

WHEREAS to the extent possible voluntary emission control measures would be creditable to any future planning efforts to comply with the 1-hour standard, as well as the 8-hour standard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamson County Commissioners' Court intends to develop, in coordination with other local governments, EPA and TNRCC, a memorandum of agreement leading toward the formulation of an O₃ Flex Plan for Central Texas, and further, Williamson County agrees to implement voluntary pollution control measures appropriate to its jurisdiction that would help to maintain the 1-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone within the Central Texas Area.

RESOLVED THIS 3 DAY OF April, 2001.

ATTEST:

Nancy E. Rister
Nancy Rister, County Clerk

John C. Doerflinger 4-3-01
John C. Doerflinger, County Judge



TO: Elected Officials of the Central Texas Region

FROM: CLEAN AIR Force/Central Texas Clean Air Coalition

DATE: March 19, 2001

RE: Ozone Flex Plan: A Briefing

As you know, regional air quality and its impact on public health continue to be a concern in the Central Texas Region. The region is in violation of EPA's eight-hour ozone standard and close to violating the one-hour ozone standard. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a decision issued February 27, 2001, has upheld the eight-hour standard, but has remanded to the Court of Appeals the issue of EPA's proposed implementation schedule. It not known, at this time, when EPA may receive approval of a new implementation plan from the Court of Appeals.

However, the poor air quality associated with a nonattainment designation is detrimental to our citizen's health and the region's economic well-being. It is in the best interest of the region to minimize these negative impacts to the greatest extent possible. One way to minimize these impacts is to enter into an Ozone (O₃) Flex Plan with the EPA and the TNRCC.

O₃ Flex Plan

The O₃ Flex Plan is an agreement between the EPA and the TNRCC and the local areas. The local areas will commit to accelerated implementation of air quality improvement measures that are selected by the local areas. In exchange for accelerated implementation of these measures, the local areas would not be designated as non-attainment under the one-hour standard (even if a violation occurs for the term of the agreement) and the local area may be granted significant flexibility under the eight-hour standard, if applicable.

The purpose of the O₃ Flex Plan is to allow local areas to develop and implement alternatives to federally mandated traditional nonattainment procedures for attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This program makes it possible to design common sense strategies that account for the meteorology, mobile emission sources, industry/business activity and the region's economy in the creation of an emissions control plan. The objective of the plan is to achieve air quality and public health benefits now by implementing early voluntary pollution control measures before federal measures are mandated.

The O₃ Plan requires a more accelerated timeline for local areas to commit to voluntary actions accompanied with state and federal programs to help keep the region attaining the one and eight-hour ozone standard. Localities that would like to expedite control efforts under the ozone standard would also be allowed all available options, incentives and other flexibility under the current eight-hour standard (if applicable) for these efforts at a later date when State Implementation Plans (SIPs) are submitted to the EPA and TNRCC for review and approval.

O₃ Flex Plan Benefits

- The Central Texas Region will not be designated as non-attainment under the one-hour standard as long as the agreement is maintained even if a violation of the one-hour standard occurs
- EPA may give the region significant flexibility upon implementation of the eight-hour standard, such as availability of an applicable alternate classification scheme.

- The Plan will sustain the public health of the region by providing the continued attainment of the one-hour standard and attainment of the eight-hour standard using accelerated and reasonable control measures developed at the regional level.

Ozone Flex Plan Costs and Alternative Measures

The costs associated with the O₃ Flex Plan will be contingent upon the local and regional pollution reduction strategies opted by the signatory governing body. The costs are not anticipated to be more than those associated with the traditional non-attainment process.

The magnitude and types of alternative measures needed to prevent exceedances of the one and eight-hour standards will primarily be determined by the results of the photochemical model. Based on this information the local areas may have the flexibility to develop and implement the measures that work best for their communities. These measures may differ by county; not all counties may be required to execute all control measures.

Examples of potential control measures include, but are not limited to:

- Reduce commute vehicle miles traveled through employer programs such as telecommuting, compressed work week and carpooling
- Expanded use of alternative fuel or low emitting vehicles
- Contract specifications/incentives requiring emission control procedures
- Transportation control measures that reduce emissions such as intersection improvements, bicycle/pedestrian facilities and other congestion reduction measures
- Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program that requires annual emissions testing and repair

Ozone Flex Plan Process

The requirements of the plan are the following:

1. Joint Resolution of Intent adopted by the five-counties and their largest city within the county to be sent to the TNRCC and EPA
2. Secure stakeholder participation -
The formation of a local air quality committee consists of representatives from local government, industry and other interested parties. Additional stakeholders may need to be added as control measures are identified.
3. Coordinate with stakeholders the emissions reduction plan development -
Have meetings or conference calls with the TNRCC and EPA to discuss specific portions of the draft proposal before the final draft is submitted for review
4. Develop Emissions Reduction Plan in the form of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA must contain measures sufficient to prevent exceedances of the one and eight-hour standards.

AGENDA ITEM 18

Discuss and take appropriate action on approval of application for basketball goal permit at 8903 Brushy Gate Cove (Meadows of Brushy Creek).

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve application for basketball goal permit at 8903 Brushy Gate Cove (Meadows of Brushy Creek).

Vote: 5 - 0

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March 28, 2001

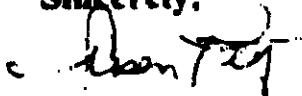
**Attn: David Hayes
FAX : 930-4462**

**RE: Application for Basketball Goal Permit
★ 8903 Brushy Gate Cove (Meadows of Brushy Creek)**

Mr. Hayes,

Following is the completed application with all residents on the cul-de-sac signature and address. I appreciate you adding this to the agenda for next Tuesday. Thanks you so much for your information and help!

Sincerely,



**Susan Petty
8903 Brushy Gate Cove**

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