

AGENDA ITEM 29

Discuss and take any appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Gilbert Gallegos of Broaddus & Associates discussed the neighborhood mitigation study for the Jail/Courthouse expansion project.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve the plan for the Neighborhood Mitigation Study and allocate a budget of \$10,000.00 to complete and compile the study.

Vote: 3 - 1 with Commissioner Limmer voting against the motion and with Commissioner Boatright absent from the dais.

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BROADDUS & ASSOCIATES

Date: September 18, 2001

Issue: Approval of a plan for neighborhood mitigation study for Jail/Courthouse expansion project

Background: Williamson County Commissioners Court previously approved the initiation of a study to determine how the Jail/Courthouse project affects the surrounding neighborhood, and what mitigating actions are recommended for implementation. The study was to address the following areas: 1) traffic, 2) safety, 3) environmental, and 4) economic. Broaddus & Associates was requested to coordinate and compile the study and report the findings to Commissioners Court.

The initial effort was to hold a focus group session with neighborhood representatives. The concerns were raised at the meeting on the part of the neighborhood, which are in large part addressed in this study. The project, while substantial in size, is an extension to and an expansion of current functions already performed on this site and in the vicinity of the current neighborhood. As such, the project can only logically proceed in its current location.

Commissioners Court has expressed interest in continuing with the study, even on a unilateral basis, in order to ensure all reasonable mitigating actions are implemented to minimize impact and even enhance the presence of the facility within the neighborhood.

Discussion: Broaddus and Associates has assembled the following consultants to perform the various aspects of the study:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Consultant</u>
Traffic & Safety	WHM Transportation Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Environmental	Baker-Aicklen
Economic	Capitol Market Research

The study will consider construction period impacts, as well as long-term impacts of the expanded facilities. Review of the project design to date reveals that substantial resources have already been expended in adapting the new facilities to the neighborhood environs. These considerations will be highlighted, and any additional recommendations for mitigation will be recommended. The budget for this study will not exceed \$10,000.00 for WHM and Capitol Market Research. The environmental work by Baker-Aicklen will be accomplished through the existing project design contract. The study will be completed within 3 weeks.

Action Requested: Approve the plan for the Neighborhood Mitigation Study and allocate a budget of \$10,000.00 to complete and compile the study.

approved 9-18-01
John C. Doerfler

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:16 A.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001.

AGENDA ITEM 30

Discuss SH45: (Executive Session Requested as per VTCA Loc Govt Code sec. 551.072 relating to matters of real property)

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:52 A.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001.

AGENDA ITEM 31

Discuss and consider action on any issues related to SH 45.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 32

Comments from commissioners.

There were no comments from commissioners.

County Engineer Joe England announced that the funeral for Jennifer Bergeron, daughter of Road & Bridge Superintendent Greg Bergeron, is to be held at The Gabriels Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:54 A.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES recorded on Minutes Pages 1 through 172, inclusive had at a Special Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 25th day of September, 2001.



John C. Doerfler, County Judge

ATTEST: Nancy E. Rister, Clerk County Court & Ex-officio Clerk,
Commissioners' Court, Williamson County, Texas

By:



Deputy Clerk