

AGENDA ITEM 35**Comments from commissioners.**

Commissioner Heiligenstein requested that notices be sent out to the affected voters, advising them about precinct changes when the new precinct boundaries are finalized.

Pix Howell of Land Strategies reminded the commissioners that the master plan for parks and trails is scheduled to be finished in November 2001, allowing the county to submit grant applications in December 2001.

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY BRUSHY CREEK TRAIL



MEMO

October 2, 2001

Re: Texas Parks and Wildlife Semi-Annual Grants

From: Pix Howell, Trail Coordinator

The County Master Plan should be completed in November of this year. This will allow the county to gain an additional 20 points on any grant application we submit for Williamson County.

The next grant cycle will require a grant application to be submitted around the end of December.

There are two programs that the county could submit grant applications for:

Indoor facility

Outdoor facility

It is recommended that the county make application for each of these categories. **It is recommended, however, that the county make only one application for each.** Additional applications would dilute the importance of the project and could mean the loss of the grant competition.

I stand ready to assist in the grant application process for any or all projects the commissioners wish to apply for.

Paul Linehan of Land Strategies discussed progress on the Southwest Williamson County Regional Park project relating to grants, maintenance and environmental issues.

Commissioner Boatright inquired about park maintenance for the Southwest Williamson County Regional Park, with regard to involvement by the local cities.

Judge Doerfler stated that the Cities of Round Rock and Cedar Park would be interested in maintaining the park, but would probably expect monetary compensation.

Commissioner Hays suggested that the court needs to address trails maintenance issues as well as parks.

Commissioner Limmer stated that he will be talking to the local cities to discuss the possibility of locating a state airport in Williamson County.

County Attorney Gene Taylor said that he had recently returned from the Texas District and County Attorneys' Association Criminal Law Update, and announced that for the past year Investigator Randy Nichols has been the chairman of the Investigator's Division for the state, and for the upcoming year, Diana Smith will be the chairperson of the Key Personnel subdivision for the state.

Commissioner Heiligenstein inquired about whether Williamson County has been in contact with the CUC regarding a representative from the county for a state-wide committee that will set rules and standards for indigent defense. He asked if there was an update on what our judges are recommending regarding indigent defense.

Assistant County Attorney Dale Rye responded that the district judges had met regarding indigent defense, and were planning to increase the amount paid to indigent defense attorneys for felony charges, but he is not aware of any new procedures yet, and that they were hesitant to do so until they know what the state guidelines will be regarding the issue.

Commissioner Heiligenstein asked if any budgetary changes had been made for indigent defense.

Judge Doerfler stated that they had not yet made any changes for indigent defense.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:18 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2001.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES recorded on Minutes Pages 1 through 183, inclusive had at a Special Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 9th day of October, 2001.


John C. Doerfler, County Judge

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk