

AGENDA ITEM 20

Consider approving a resolution supporting Federal Intergovernmental Relations Program by Texas Conference of Urban Counties including increase of dues to fund.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve a resolution supporting Federal Intergovernmental Relations Program by Texas Conference of Urban Counties including increase of dues to fund, noting that the court will be notified of the cost for participation, and a final decision will be made by the court regarding participation after the notice is received.

Vote: 5 - 0

< Attachment >

September 27, 2001



Honorable John Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County
Williamson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
Georgetown, TX 78626

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Conference of
Urban Counties

Re: **Proposal for the Williamson County Commissioners Court on Whether to Extend Urban Counties Intergovernmental Relations Efforts to Include Federal Issues**

Dear Judge Doerfler:

Currently, the Texas Conference of Urban Counties does not involve itself in Federal issues or attempt to communicate with Congress or Federal agencies. Our efforts are focused solely within Texas.

The Urban Counties have discussed the possibility of extending our efforts to include Federal issues. Many members have requested such expansion, and the Board of Directors was asked to develop a proposal for an optional program in which member counties could opt to participate. A proposal was presented to the Urban County membership during luncheons held on June 7, 2001 and August 16, 2001. At the August 16, 2001 luncheon, the membership approved a recommendation to ask each individual member county to consider whether or not it wanted the Urban Counties to extend efforts to include Federal Issues.

The Board of Directors requests you to consider the attached draft resolution expressing support for the expansion of Urban Counties' services to Federal issues. The resolution identifies a number of issues that might be worked on, including: Medicaid and Disproportionate Share Hospital funding, State Alien Assistance funding for county jails, election reform, and increased transportation funding for all of Texas. The actual issues that would be worked on will be developed by the Urban County committee process that you are used to. As always, the Urban Counties would be careful to promote the positions and policies that we all share in common, and avoid issues and policies where a consensus does not exist.

After giving this resolution consideration, please either forward a copy of the adopted resolution to the Urban Counties offices, or notify us that your county has decided not to support the proposal. After we receive responses from member counties, the following will happen:

1. If less than half of the membership (by population) adopts the resolution, then the program will not be pursued.
2. If more than half of the counties (by population) adopt the resolution indicating support, then the Federal IGR Program will be pursued with only those counties opting in to the program appointing members to a Federal IGR Committee to establish policy and provide direction for the program. A special per capita dues assessment will be added to participating counties 2002 dues to pay for the program. The amount will be in the range reflected in schedule A, and be determined by the number of counties participating.
3. If more than 90% of the counties (by population) adopt the resolution indicating support, then the Federal IGR Program will be pursued on

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behalf of all counties. The existing State-IGR Committee will establish policy and direct the program. The 2002 CUC Budget and dues will be adjusted as reflected in Schedule A.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Donald Lee
Executive Director

Attachments:

Draft Resolution

Schedule A: Draft Budget and Dues Allocation

cc: Williamson County Commissioners Court

**Resolution in
Support of a Federal Intergovernmental Relations Program
by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties**

WHEREAS, Congress and the Federal Government have a significant impact on the daily lives of all citizens of Williamson County, not the least of which is the impact of Congress and Federal Government on Williamson County and its ability to provide efficient and effective services at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is a member of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties, which represents and works on behalf of urban counties in Texas but is focused solely on State policy and does not work on Federal issues; and

WHEREAS, there is no current mechanism for the collected perspective and priorities of Texas urban counties to be voiced and communicated to Federal officials; and

WHEREAS, transportation funding is an important issue for urban counties in Texas and will be a major issue in the coming years as the Federal transportation funding programs are all reconsidered and re-authorized in Congress; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid and Disproportionate Hospital Funding is an important issue for urban counties, with millions of dollars in Federal funds at stake, and legislation is currently pending in Congress to restore previously lost Medicaid funds at great benefit to urban counties without any organized assistance from Texas urban counties; and

WHEREAS, the State Alien Assistance Program which provides \$57.2 million for the State of Texas and Texas Counties as reimbursement for the incarceration of illegal aliens is threatened by proposed budget cuts of over 50%, the passage of which would immediately and negatively impact urban county budgets; and

WHEREAS, several bills are pending in Congress that would establish programs to update and reform county election procedures and administration which may have a significant impact on urban counties, including the possible adoption of un-funded mandates or funding allocation formulas detrimental to Texas urban counties; and

WHEREAS, the accumulated need for urban Texas counties to communicate on these issues and others in a coordinated and sophisticated way makes it imperative that the Texas Conference of Urban Counties expand its scope of activities to include a Federal Intergovernmental Relations program; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been put forward for the CUC to establish a Federal IGR program with the costs shared by all CUC members that choose to participate; and

WHEREAS, a program that addresses these and other top issues can be established for a total cost to the CUC of \$147,392 per year, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, that Williamson County supports the expansion of the activities of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties to include a limited Federal Intergovernmental Relations Program and supports the proposed increase in dues to pay for such an increase in service, and that the final affirmation of support will be contingent upon the overall level of commitment by the counties within the CUC and that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

Resolution proposal, 2001-06-07.doc, 10/2/2001

John C. Doerfler 10-23-01
John C. DOERFLER, COUNTY JUDGE

Expenses

Contract for Services, Washington Rep.	\$ 75,000
Policy Analyst	\$ 48,000
Benefits	\$ 9,600
Office Costs (Parking, Desk-Computer-Phone amortized, Misc.)	\$ 4,832
Travel (2 Person trips per year to DC, plus NACo)	\$ 6,000
Education, Books, Etc.	\$ 1,000
Supplies & Copies	\$ 2,000
Telephone time/Internet Time (\$50/Mo/\$30/Mo)	\$ 960
Total	\$ 147,392

Special Assessment

County	2000 Population	Cost with 100% of Counties Participating Participation	Cost with 50% of Counties Participating Participation
Bell	237,974	\$ 2,223	\$ 4,445
Bexar	1,392,931	\$ 13,010	\$ 26,019
Brazoria	241,767	\$ 2,258	\$ 4,516
Brazos	152,415	\$ 1,424	\$ 2,847
Cameron	335,227	\$ 3,131	\$ 6,262
Chambers	26,031	\$ 243	\$ 486
Collin	491,675	\$ 4,592	\$ 9,184
Comal	78,021	\$ 729	\$ 1,457
Dallas	2,218,899	\$ 20,724	\$ 41,448
Denton	432,976	\$ 4,044	\$ 8,088
El Paso	679,622	\$ 6,347	\$ 12,695
Ellis	111,360	\$ 1,040	\$ 2,080
Fort Bend	354,452	\$ 3,310	\$ 6,621
Galveston	250,158	\$ 2,336	\$ 4,673
Grayson	110,595	\$ 1,033	\$ 2,066
Guadalupe	89,023	\$ 831	\$ 1,663
Gregg	111,379	\$ 1,040	\$ 2,080
Harris	3,400,578	\$ 31,760	\$ 63,521
Hays	97,589	\$ 911	\$ 1,823
Hidalgo	569,463	\$ 5,319	\$ 10,637
Hunt	76,596	\$ 715	\$ 1,431
Jefferson	252,051	\$ 2,354	\$ 4,708
Johnson	126,811	\$ 1,184	\$ 2,369
Kaufman	71,313	\$ 666	\$ 1,332
Lubbock	242,628	\$ 2,266	\$ 4,532
McLennan	213,517	\$ 1,994	\$ 3,988
Midland	116,009	\$ 1,083	\$ 2,167
Nueces	313,645	\$ 2,929	\$ 5,859
Rockwall	43,080	\$ 402	\$ 805
San Patricio	67,138	\$ 627	\$ 1,254
Smith	174,706	\$ 1,632	\$ 3,263
Tarrant	1,446,219	\$ 13,507	\$ 27,014
Travis	812,280	\$ 7,586	\$ 15,173
Webb	193,117	\$ 1,804	\$ 3,607
Williamson	249,967	\$ 2,335	\$ 4,669
Total	15,781,212	\$ 147,392	

AGENDA ITEM 21

Discuss and consider granting approval of License Agreement for Teravista Community Associates.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To grant approval of License Agreement for Teravista Community Associates.

Vote: 5 - 0

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY
LICENSE AGREEMENT

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("COUNTY"), and TERAVIDA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas non-profit corporation ("Licensee"), enter into this License Agreement ("Agreement") on this the 25th day of September 2001, upon the terms and conditions set forth below.

I. PURPOSE OF LICENSE AGREEMENT

The COUNTY grants to Licensee, its successors and assigns, permission to use the licensed property for the following purposes only:

To allow the installation of landscaping, lighting, fencing, entryway monuments, marketing signage, sidewalks and irrigation into the public right-of-ways dedicated from time to time within and adjacent to the Teravisa subdivision.

Teravista, hereinafter referred to as the "licensed property," is further shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

The COUNTY makes this grant solely to the extent of its right, title and interest in the licensed property, without any express or implied warranties.