

AGENDA ITEM 38

Discuss and take appropriate action on fireworks ban in Williamson County.

Judge Doerfler stated that this item was put on the agenda because of the dry weather conditions in the county this summer.

Dale Rye explained that the ban would not include commercial fireworks displays, but would pertain to aerial fireworks used by individuals.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To ban fireworks in Williamson County for the July 4th fireworks season.

Vote: **3 – 1. Commissioner Boatright voted against the motion.**

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON


Order Prohibiting the Use of Aerial Fireworks

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within our county; and

Whereas, the use of aerial fireworks during these drought conditions would constitute an unreasonable risk to life and property; therefore

It is hereby Ordered by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County that the use of aerial fireworks within the unincorporated areas of this county is prohibited. All persons selling fireworks within the county shall provide reasonable notice of this order. This order is adopted pursuant to Section 352.051, Local Government Code, and other applicable statutes. Violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by fine.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2002 by a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay.



John C. Doerfler
County Judge

AGENDA ITEM 39

Discuss and take appropriate action concerning the park advisory committee.

Commissioner Boatright discussed the need for a parks department within the county to maintain and staff the county parks and trails. He said that there is currently a need for a groundsperson with a background in parks and irrigation to oversee the installation of irrigation and topsoil. He stated that he would have some budget figures available soon.

AGENDA ITEM 40

Consider approving an exemption for tree trimming and removal at Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Judge Doerfler and Annette Todd discussed alternatives for trimming and removing trees at Berry Springs Park and Preserve due to storm damage.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 41

Consider reimbursing Precinct 3 2000 Certificate of Obligation funds with 2000 General Obligation Park Bond funds.

Commissioner Hays explained that work needed in Berry Springs Park and Preserve could be funded by allocating money from Precinct 3 Certificates of Obligation for roads and trails on the Mayfield tract project, Williamson County Regional Park, and then using a matching amount from the General Obligation Park Bond fund for work on the dam, lake and pecan orchard at Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve reimbursing Precinct 3 2000 Certificate of Obligation funds with 2001 General Obligation Park Bond funds in the amount of \$1,197,000.

Vote: **4 - 0**

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