

AGENDA ITEM 26

Consider approving additional funds for Sebesta and Associates.

No action was taken on this agenda item, which will be added to the January 29, 2002 agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 27

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

Maintenance Supervisor Joe Latteo stated that the antiquities study had been approved by the State. They are currently waiting for a letter from the State, but have verbal approval to start groundwork.

AGENDA ITEM 28

Consider approving a resolution providing for allocation of Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center revenue bonds, series 2002.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a resolution providing for allocation of Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center revenue bonds, series 2002.

Vote: **3 - 0**

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BLUEBONNET TRAILS
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER
555-A Round Rock West Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681
(512) 255-1720 Fax (512) 244-8401

January 11, 2002

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Judge John C. Doerfler
Williamson Co. Courthouse
701 Main St
Georgetown, TX 78626

Re: Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health Mental Retardation Center

Dear Judge Doerfler:

Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center is in the process of constructing a 49,000 square foot building in Round Rock, as authorized by our Board of Trustees. The facility will enable the co-location of mental health, mental retardation and early childhood intervention services for Williamson County. It will also house administrative and support services that support the delivery of services to clients in all the eight counties served by the Center. To help finance the facility, the Center is issuing \$5,245,000 in revenue bonds. This issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by the Center does not obligate your county in any way. It may, however, have some implication for Williamson County, depending on the amount of tax exempt bonds that your county may issue this calendar year.

The Center's revenue bonds will be issued as tax-exempt obligations. Our bond counsel has just informed the Center that under the federal tax regulations, an issuer of bonds, such as the County, may issue bonds or other obligations as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" if the issuer and its subordinate entities does not issue more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations in a calendar year. In some cases, it may be beneficial to an issuer to issue its bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations. Since the Center is a subordinate entity of the County for this purpose (the County is a sponsor of the Center), the bonds to be issued by the Center would count towards the \$10,000,000 limitation. However, the tax regulations also provide that in the case of multiple sponsoring entities, the sponsoring entities may allocate the amount of bonds issued by the subordinate entity. This allocation appropriately reduces the amount that can be counted toward the \$10,000,000 limitation.

Attached is a form of resolution that would provide for the allocation described above. The preamble to the resolution describes the basis for the allocation and Exhibit A sets forth the amount to be allocated to each county. In order for this allocation to be effective, each of the sponsoring counties will need to adopt the resolution before the Center completes the issuance of its revenue bonds. The issuance of the Center's revenue bonds is scheduled for January 30, 2002. I would have contacted you earlier with this request, but it came to my attention only yesterday. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. I will be contacting you very soon to discuss this matter and to address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Nancy Gettelfinger
Chief Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALLOCATION OF BLUEBONNET TRAILS
COMMUNITY MHMR CENTER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2002**

WHEREAS, the counties of Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Lee and Williamson established, and the counties of Gonzales and Guadalupe have joined as sponsors of, the Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (the "Center") to provide mental health and mental retardation services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Center is issuing its \$5,245,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 2002 ("Center Revenue Bonds, Series 2002"), to pay a portion of the costs of constructing a building for the Center; and

WHEREAS, section 265(b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provides that the governmental entities that receive benefits from an issuer may agree to allocate the amount of bonds issued by such issuer for the purpose of applying the provisions of section 265(b)(3) to tax-exempt obligations issued by such governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, this Commissioners Court hereby finds and determines that allocation of the Center Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, as set forth in Exhibit A, bears a reasonable relationship to the benefits received and to be received from the issuance of such bonds,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County that:

- Section 1. Williamson County hereby agrees, for the purposes of section 265(b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the allocation of the \$5,245,000 Bluebonnet Trails Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center Revenue Bonds, Series 2002.
- Section 2. The amount allocated to Williamson County for the purpose of applying the provisions of section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to tax-exempt obligations issued by Williamson County is set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Date:

John C. Doerfler 1-15-02
Judge John Doerfler, Williamson County

Dancy E. Rister
County Clerk, Williamson County

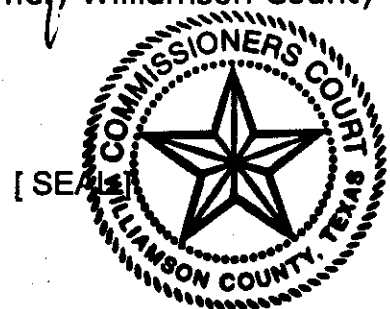


EXHIBIT A

The planned use of the building based on square footage is:

- a) 62.8% - MH, MR and ECI services directly benefiting Williamson County; and
- b) 37.2% - Administrative Offices benefiting all eight counties.

The allocation method assigns the portion of the usage directly benefiting Williamson County to Williamson County. Then the portion of the usage relating to Administrative Offices is allocated to all eight counties on the basis of the ratio of their respective populations as determined by the 2000 Federal Census.

Bastrop County	\$ 216,866
Burnet County	128,268
Caldwell County	120,932
Fayette County	81,904
Gonzales County	69,974
Guadalupe County	334,402
Lee County	58,813
Williamson County	\$ 4,233,840

Total:	<u>\$5,245,000</u>
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AGENDA ITEM 29

Consider the appointment of new board members to the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve reappointment of Jim Ward and John Kiracofe and appointment of Pat Hanger to the Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 1.

Vote: **3 - 0**

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