

## **AGENDA ITEM 16**

Consider and adopt resolution supporting the County's request to the Texas Department of Transportation for the authorization of the US 79 expansion project from McNutt Creek (CR 110) to the Taylor Loop (Loop 427).

**Moved: Commissioner Limmer**

**Seconded: Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To adopt a resolution supporting the County's request to the Texas Department of Transportation for the authorization of the US 79 expansion project from McNutt Creek (CR 110) to the Taylor Loop (Loop 427).

**Vote: 5 - 0**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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THE COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

**That on this, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2002, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met in duly called Session at the Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:**

**John C. Doerfler, County Judge,**

**Mike Heiligenstein, Commissioner Precinct One,**

**Greg Boatright, Commissioner Precinct Two,**

**David Hays, Commissioner Precinct Three,**

**Frankie Limmer, Commissioner Precinct Four;**

and at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

WHEREAS, the expansion of US 79 was identified in the Williamson County Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan as a priority project and identified in the County's successful November 2000 bond referendum; and

WHEREAS US 79 in Williamson County is a significant component of the Texas Trunk System, representing over 10% of the roadway in Texas; and

**WHEREAS, Williamson County is the second-fastest growing county in Texas; and**

WHEREAS, existing US 79 between McNutt Creek (CR 110) and the Taylor Loop (Loop 427) is an undivided 4-lane rural roadway; and

WHEREAS, US 79 in the project area is a dangerous roadway, with 860 accidents and 16

fatalities, at a cost of over \$74 million, having occurring on US 79 from IH-35 to the Milam County Line from 1995 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation Bryan, Tyler and Atlanta District Offices are currently pursuing expansion of US 79 to a 4-lane divided facility; and

WHEREAS, as part of Williamson County's right-of-way corridor preservation program, the County has adopted a traffic impact ordinance policy requiring municipalities to identify a method for right-of-way preservation for necessary improvements and minimize driveway access; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is pursuing project development of facilities parallel to US 79, such as the Hutto Bypass project, that would provide additional east-west travel capacity and assist in alleviating traffic on US 79; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County has committed to provide all environmental and engineering documents, 50% of right-of-way costs, and 10% of utility relocation costs, totaling over 30% of projects costs; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of US 79 to a 4-lane divided facility would improve local and regional mobility, improve safety conditions, and generally support the Texas Department of Transportation's current and proposed policies regarding improved traffic flow operation and safety;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS,** that the County requests that the Texas Transportation Commission authorize the expansion of US 79 from McNutt Creek (CR 110) to the Taylor Loop (Loop 427) and to proceed in the most feasible and economic manner with project development to include any necessary agreements, and to be programmed in Priority 2 of

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Texas Department of Transportation's 2002 Unified Transportation Program.

The foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Commissioner Limmer and seconded by Commissioner Boatright, and was then adopted by a vote of

5 voting for and 0 voting

against. County Judge John C. Doerfler was duly authorized to sign said resolution as the act and deed of Commissioner's Court of Williamson County and of said County.

John C. Doerfler 1-29-02  
JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge

ATTEST:

Nancy E. Rister

NANCY RISTER, County Clerk

**AGENDA ITEM 17**

Discuss and consider approving preliminary plat for Woods of Fountainwood, Phase 3.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve preliminary plat for Woods of Fountainwood, Phase 3.

Vote: **4 – 0. Commissioner Boatright was absent from the dais.**

**AGENDA ITEM 18**

Discuss and consider approving preliminary plat for Star Ranch.

Moved: **Commissioner Limmer**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve the preliminary plat for Star Ranch, *subject to review by the County Engineer, the Road Bond Manager and the State, with the stipulation that if any problems arise involving SH 130, then it will be brought back to the court for further consideration, otherwise the plat will stand as approved.*

Vote: **5 - 0**

**AGENDA ITEM 19**

Consider approving suggested rate increases for Smith, Robertson, Elliott & Glen for road bond work.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve the suggested rate increases for Smith, Robertson, Elliott & Glen for road bond work, with the exception that the rate for Craig Douglas will be \$165.00/hour instead of the \$180.00/hour requested by the firm.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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