

AGENDA ITEM 32**Discuss and take appropriate action on issuance of tax anticipation notes.**

Dan Wegmiller addressed the court concerning the issuance of tax anticipation notes. He stated that the main difference between tax anticipation notes and certificates of obligation is that tax anticipation notes have to be paid off within seven years.

General discussion followed on a list of possible items to be funded with tax anticipation notes. (See attached list.)

Moved: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Motion: To table the agenda item until an explanation of each item can be obtained and reviewed.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To table this item until the court has a good number on the cost to finish out the jail.

Motion died for lack of second.

Human Resources Director John Willingham addressed the court concerning the issuance of tax anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,000,000 for payroll software. He stated that the need to commit funds for new software instead of support for the current software is unclear. He said that, although the current software has not always functioned at an acceptable level, he believes that it can be attributed to the underfunded and poorly managed initial implementation, a lack of database support, and a lack of interdepartmental cooperation. He said that he believes that the implementation of new software will be a long and complex process with major shortcomings and failures, as is common with a project of this magnitude.

Judge Doerfler stated that he had discussed the new payroll software with IT Director Jay Schade, and that Jay is comfortable with the new package, as well as with the projected cost of implementation.

County Auditor David Flores said that he does not agree that the current payroll software is working well. He stated that the ideal would be a fully integrated system, and noted that the outside auditors had made a note of some accounting problems with the payroll software.

County Treasurer Vivian Wood stated that Williamson County has been attempting to make the current software work for a period of four years. She said that money is being inappropriately processed due to problems with the Highline payroll system.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To adopt the schedule with the addition of \$860,000 to finish jail/courts annex building line for a total of \$8,860,000 for the jail/courts project, and a total issuance of \$25,000,000.

Judge Doerfler withdrew his motion.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To adopt the schedule as listed with the addition of \$860,000 to finish jail/courts annex building line for a total of \$8,860,000 for the jail/courts project, and a total issuance of \$25,000,000.

Vote: 4 – 1. Commissioner Heiligenstein voted against the motion.

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