

AGENDA ITEM 31

Consider approving PBS&J additional services for an environmental and cultural resources survey on the Brushy Creek Regional Trail.

Karen Friese with PBS&J addressed the court, explaining that the survey fulfills requirements of state and federal law.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve additional services for PBS&J at a maximum amount of \$11,600 for an environmental and cultural resources survey on the Brushy Creek Regional Trail.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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ATTACHMENT A**WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2**

This Work Authorization is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (*the "County"*) and PBS&J (*the "Engineer"*).

Part 1. The *Engineer* will provide the following engineering services:

Environmental and Archaeological Survey for the Brushy Creek Regional Parks System, Great Oaks Boulevard to the Low Water Crossing at Sauls' Tract, more fully described in Exhibit B attached hereto. Also included is application to the Texas Historical Commission for the Rathgaber Cemetery to be designated a Texas Historical Cemetery.

Part 2. The maximum amount payable for services under this Work Authorization without modification is \$11,600.

Part 3. Payment to the *Engineer* for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the Agreement.

Part 4. This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto and shall terminate on October 31, 2002, unless extended by a Supplemental Work Authorization.

Part 5. This Work Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Agreement.

Part 6. This Work Authorization is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

ENGINEER:
PBS&J

COUNTY:
Williamson County, Texas

By: _____

Signature

By: _____

Signature

Keith Jackson

Printed Name

Printed NameVice President

Title

TitleMay 24, 2002

Date

Date**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A – Services to be provided by Williamson County

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Exhibit B - Services to be provided by Engineer
Exhibit C - Intentionally omitted
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Brushy Creek Regional Parks System Phase 1B
Limits: Great Oaks Blvd. to Bridge Crossing at Sauls Tract
Williamson County

Contract No. XX
WA#2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental and Archaeological Survey of the Trail and registration of the Rathgaber Cemetery with the Texas Historical Commission.

EXHIBIT A

Services to be provided by Williamson County

Williamson County will furnish to the Engineer the following items/information:

1. It is the responsibility of the County to obtain access to the property in which the project area is located.

Brushy Creek Regional Parks System Phase 1B**Contract No. XX****Limits: Great Oaks Blvd. to Bridge Crossing at Sauls Tract****WA#2****Williamson County****PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental and Archaeological Survey of the Trail and registration of the Rathgaber Cemetery with the Texas Historical Commission.****EXHIBIT B****Services to be provided by the Engineer**

The Engineer shall provide the following services for Work Authorization No 2.

ITEMS: Task 1) Environmental Survey - A PBS&J ecologist will walk the route of the proposed trail, covering a 60-foot wide corridor in which the trail will be sited along Brushy Creek Road. The field effort will begin at Great Oaks Boulevard and proceed east to the low water crossing (including both sides of the road along the Sauls' tract). Critical environmental features that may be impacted by the proposed trail construction will be noted in the field and identified on a field map as to their location. These critical environmental features may include such things as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, karst (caves and sinkholes), wetlands, and threatened or endangered species or their potential habitat.

Following the field effort, a letter report will be generated with a description of the corridor's natural resources, specifying any and all critical environmental features. In addition, if a permit from a natural resource agency should be needed, such as a nationwide permit (NWP) from the US Army Corps of Engineers, guidance for seeking such permit will be provided, although the actual time and effort in seeking permits or clearances is not included in this proposal.

Cost Estimate: \$1,900

Task 2) Archaeological Survey - Prior to the fieldwork, PBS&J will conduct records/literature searches with the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC), both in Austin. Reports of previous archaeological investigations and previously recorded cultural resource sites in the project area or vicinity and sources concerning the prehistoric and historic background of the project area and vicinity will be reviewed. PBS&J will then complete and submit an application for a Texas Antiquities Permit, required under the Texas Antiquities Code for all cultural resources investigations sponsored by cities, counties or the State. Following issuance of an Antiquities Permit, PBS&J personnel PBS&J will conduct a 100-percent pedestrian survey of the 60-foot wide right-of-way for the proposed Hike and Bike Trail, supplemented by judgmentally placed shovel tests to investigate the potential for buried cultural resources in the project area. Any located cultural resources will be fully defined within the area of potential effect.

Following completion of the cultural resources survey, PBS&J will analyze all collected materials, provide a preliminary evaluation of all located cultural resources with regard to eligibility for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, and submit a draft report of findings to Williamson County, and as directed by Williamson County, to the THC, and any other review agencies. Following

the required 30-day period of review, PBS&J will address all client or agency comments and submit a final report. Any collected cultural material will be submitted to TARL for curation at that time.

If a standard archaeological survey, consisting of a pedestrian survey with limited subsurface investigation, is inadequate to fully evaluate any located cultural resources which will be impacted by the proposed project, it may be necessary to conduct a more extensive investigation with heavy equipment, larger excavation areas and radiocarbon or other special analysis. These costs are not covered in this Scope of Work.

PBS&J will begin work within 10 working days of receipt of a written notice to proceed (NTP). All fieldwork will be completed within 15 working days of the NTP. A revised draft report of findings will be submitted within 25 working days of the NTP. A final report will be submitted within 5 days of the receipt of all review comments.

Cost Estimate: \$6,200

Task 3) Texas Historic Commission Application – PBS&J archaeologists will prepare the necessary paperwork and make the required site visits for application of the "Rathgaber Cemetery" to the Texas Historic Commission for a Historic Texas Cemetery Designation.

Cost Estimate: \$3,500

AGENDA ITEM 32**Comments from commissioners.**

Commissioner Heiligenstein gave an update on the Northridge Acres Subdivision. He stated that the neighborhood group has requested that the Attorney General's office remove the court-appointed master on the project. Judge Doerfler stated that TNRCC approved the drainage project for the subdivision yesterday.

Commissioner Boatright asked for an overview on proposed FY 2002/2003 budgets. Judge Doerfler stated that there have been requests for 186 new employees. He said he did not have a total dollar amount on requested budget increases.

Commissioner Limmer discussed moving historic bridges to some of the park locations.

Judge Doerfler asked Julie Kiley to discuss separating the fleet maintenance function of URS from the rest of the department for accounting purposes. Julie stated that the outside auditors had recommended separating the areas so that road and bridge money would not be spent on maintenance functions.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:28 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES recorded on Minutes Pages 1 through 357, inclusive had at a Special Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 11th day of June, 2002.



John C. Doerfler, County Judge

ATTEST: Nancy E. Rister, Clerk County Court & Ex-officio Clerk,
Commissioners' Court, Williamson County, Texas

By: 

Deputy Clerk