

**AGENDA ITEM 17**

Hear presentation from Paul Linehan regarding the Williamson County Regional Park.

Paul Linehan stated that the dedication of the park has been postponed from February 22, 2003 until March 29, 2003.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 18**

Consider allocating money from Tobacco Fund for Lawnmower Exchange Program in Williamson County.

**Commissioner Heiligenstein** stated that this was a community outreach program that has been utilized in other counties. He suggested since this program relates to air quality, that using allocated money from the Tobacco Fund to support Williamson County's participation in this program would be appropriate. He mentioned that one hour of using a gas powered lawnmower is equal to sixty miles of driving a car.

The program cost of \$8,000 would provide for the lawn mower discount, advertising and all costs associated with the event, which would be held at Home Depot in Round Rock. Scott Johnson from Environmental Strategies would be the person contracted to stage the event. A citizen who wanted to trade in a gas powered lawn mower for an electric lawnmower would receive a rebate from Home Depot.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve allocating \$8,000 from the Tobacco Fund for a Lawnmower Exchange Program in Williamson County.

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

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**Wendy Coco**

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**From:** Annette Todd  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2003 9:38 AM  
**To:** Wendy Coco  
**Subject:** FW: Lwn. Program for 5 Counties-plz. call w/ questions

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-----Original Message-----

From: scott johnson [mailto:scottaj1@juno.com]  
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2003 9:54 AM  
To: atodd@wilco.org  
Subject: Lwn. Program for 5 Counties-plz. call w/ questions

To: Mike Heiligenstein, Chair, CLEAN AIR Force

From: Scott Johnson, Principal, Environmental Strategies

Date: February 9, 2003

Subject: Anticipated budget needs for a 5-County Central Texas Lawnmower Upgrade Initiative

Williamson County:

Stage event at the Round Rock Home Depot store on one Saturday during April 2003

Projected sales: 150 units

Estimated budget required for all Williamson County program costs (lawnmower discounts, contract staff time, advertising and contingencies): \$8,000

Travis County:

Stage event(s) at an Austin Home Depot store in April of 2003.

Projected sales: 300 units for 1 event, 500 units for 2 events  
Estimated budget required for all Travis County program costs: \$18,000  
for 1 event, \$29,250 for 2 events.

Hays County:

Stage event at the Black & Decker Outlet store in April of 2003.

Projected sales: 65 units

Estimated budget required for all Hays County program costs: \$400.00\* \*Lawnmower discount funding was not needed in 2002 and will not be needed in 2003 as well.

Bastrop County:

Stage event at the new Bastrop Home Depot store in April of 2003.

Projected sales: 25 units

Estimated budget required for all Bastrop County program costs: \$2,300

Caldwell County:

No retail store was found that sells electric lawnmowers. The 2002 San Marcos event was marketed to encourage purchasers from Caldwell County to participate. The Black and Decker Outlet store in San Marcos already has customers from Martindale and other parts of Caldwell County, according to the store manager.

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Estimated budget for 2 event days in Travis County, 1 each in Williamson, Hays and Bastrop Counties: \$39,650

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**AGENDA ITEM 19**

Consider noting Achievement Award received by the Purchasing Department.

David Flores stated that the Purchasing Department was recently awarded with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award. The NIGP represents 2,100 governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada and only 52 governments have attained this distinction.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To notate the Achievement Award received by the Purchasing Department.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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