

AGENDA ITEM 12

Hear update on field response to emergency mental health calls from Gary Griffin, Constable, Pct. #1.

Constable Precinct 1 Gary Griffin addressed the court regarding the effectiveness of M26 Taser guns in responding to mental health calls. Less than lethal force taser guns disrupt the central nervous system by delivering 50,000 volts through 26 watts. In the history of its use, there has been no record of medical injury. This includes instances when deployed on persons with pacemakers, children, pregnant women or people in standing water. This method has been deployed twice in Williamson County. He performed a demonstration on Lieutenant Mike Schnautz.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Consider approving the Victims Assistance Grant Resolution (VOCA Grant).

This item was removed from the agenda until further notice.

AGENDA ITEM 14

Consider approving variance for the Williamson County Humane Society.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve a variance to §9.3 of the Williamson County Subdivision Regulations for the Williamson County Humane Society.

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

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Precinct 2 Commissioner Greg Boatright
350 Discovery Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613

January 14, 2003

Dear Commissioner Boatright:

In accordance with Williamson County Subdivision Regulations section 9.3 Variances we would like to request variance from these regulations. For several years the Humane Society of Williamson County has provided sheltering services for Williamson County. In the past 2 ½ years since I became the Executive Director our relationship has been both positive and professional.

In November 2002 the City of Leander annexed the entire front portion of our property with the exception of about 30 feet on the eastern side. We are in the process of selling 5 acres of the northeastern corner of our property to Kenneth Bell, whom originally sold the property to HSWC and continues to carry the note on our property. Our reason for selling this property is to satisfy a balloon note owed to Mr. Bell since September of 2000. He has been kind enough to extend the note even though he could have foreclosed on the entire property in 2000 and each year since then. We request variance from these regulations, as we are not in a financial position to satisfy the balloon note, which was due again in September of 2002. I discussed the situation with the City of Leander and they stated that they have a 5-acre rule for subdivision regulations, therefore if you grant variance then we would not be forced to subdivide. In the past 2 ½ years I have worked diligently to satisfy the debt of over \$300,000.00 accumulated by HSWC prior to my hiring. Once we are able to close the sale of the 5 acres to Mr. Bell we will have paid off all of our past debt and HSWC will once again be in a positive financial position.

I truly appreciate your help with this matter and hope that we can have this on the agenda for Commissioner's Court in the not too distant future. As always our mission is to serve the citizens and animals of Williamson County. This variance will enable us to continue our mission.

Sincerely,

Guy Bilyeu
Executive Director
Humane Society of Williamson County

approved 1-21-03
John C. Daefler

AGENDA ITEM 15

Consider setting date to authorize advertising and receive bids for leasing approximately 4 acres for additional 500' tower at present county communications tower.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To set date of February 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. to receive bids for leasing approximately 4 acres for additional 500' tower at present county communications tower.

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

AGENDA ITEM 16

Consider approving Emergency Shelter Grant program for WBCO.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve Emergency Shelter Grant program for WBCO for the fiscal year 2003.

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

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