

**AGENDA ITEM 24**

Consider approving a resolution urging the Legislature of the State of Texas to restore all the proposed cuts to Mental Health Care, Mental Retardation Services, Medicaid, and CHIP insurance in the State Budget.

Booth O'Quinn from the Bluebonnet Mental Health Mental Retardation Center addressed the court regarding the proposed legislation and the impact it would have on mental health.

**Commissioner Heiligenstein** expressed that he thought the Legislature should work through this first. His major concern with the resolution is that it states to restore all the proposed cuts to the state budget concerning mental health care, mental retardation services, as well as Medicaid and CHIP, when we are not certain that some of those cuts should not be made. He stated that he agrees with the position of the Conference of Urban Counties and the Texas Association of Counties which have said that they do not want unfunded mandates passed down to the county level. He also believes that we should not be telling the Legislature how to do their budget.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve a resolution urging the Legislature of the State of Texas to restore all the proposed cuts to Mental Health Care, Mental Retardation Services, Medicaid, and CHIP insurance in the State Budget.

Vote: 4 – 1. **Commissioner Heiligenstein opposed.**

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT

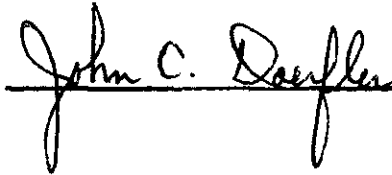
RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Texas has proposed reductions in funding for necessary Health & Human Services for citizens of Williamson County; and

Whereas, the proposed cuts in Mental Health Care, Mental Retardation Services as well as Medicaid & CHIP insurance cuts will have a huge impact in Williamson County;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Williamson County Commissioners Court respectfully urges the Legislature of the State of Texas to restore all the proposed cuts to the State Budget to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens get the help they need.

Resolved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

 4-15-03

John C. Doerfler, County Judge  
Williamson County

ATTEST:



Nancy Rister, County Clerk  
Williamson County

**AGENDA ITEM 25**

Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

Mike Weaver mentioned to the court a few items that will be addressed at the road bond work session in two weeks.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 26**

Discuss and take appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Ed Lee stated that according to the contractor's, the jail will be ready for occupancy mid-October to early November. The tunnel will not be ready so there will be a period of five months or more when prisoners will have to be moved out of the jail across the street at street level to the court annex.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 27**

Discuss and take appropriate action on change fund for collection of tennis fees at Williamson County Regional Park.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To approve a change fund in the amount of \$50.00 for the collection of tennis fees at Williamson County Regional Park.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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