

AGENDA ITEM 36**Comments from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Heiligenstein mentioned that his trip to Washington, D.C. with Joe Beal of the LCRA went well.

Commissioner Hays talked about the State allocation of additional funding for courthouse restoration work. In 2001 bonds were issued for courthouse restoration but authorization was not made for those monies to be spent. They have now authorized \$15 million to be funded. Williamson County was first in line to receive funding. He also mentioned the Heritage Tree Project was rolled into a Williamson County and Cities Health District project which has a website which details trails on county roads for bike riding, walking and driving and marks where the historical markers, cemeteries, and heritage trees are located.

Commissioner Limmer stated that he would not be able to attend the afternoon work session on the jail. He said that just because the jail is totally finished does not mean that we need to staff the whole building. He believes the County should use only the funds that are being spent to house the prisoners at Taylor with the anticipation of using those funds to staff this jail and take care of the prisoners that are being moved here. If the County goes over that amount, then we are going to increase the tax rate.

Judge Doerfler mentioned that most departments have put in their budget for next year. He's received a request for 62 new employees (not including the Sheriff's department) and 80 reclassifications. It is his recommendation that there not be any reclassifications this year.

AGENDA ITEM 37**Work Session**

Sheriff Maspero and Chief Deputy Jack Hall presented information from the review by the Jail Standards Commission, a proposed schedule for training new and current employees, and the projection for new staff.

AGENDA ITEM 38**Discuss and take appropriate action on new jail and jail staffing.**

No action was taken on this agenda item.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 3:25 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2003.