

MINUTES
of the
WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

November 25, 2003

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:37 A.M. on November 25, 2003, a SPECIAL SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

ABSENT	JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1 GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2 DAVID HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3 FRANKIE LIMMER, Commissioner, Precinct 4 EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk
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AGENDA ITEM 1

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda.

John L. Stobaugh addressed the court as a twenty-year resident of the Brushy Creek subdivision in opposition to the change in the entrance to the neighborhood and the changes in appraisal values in the neighborhood.

Chevette Parker addressed the Court in his capacity as a long-term resident of Brushy Creek North and as the president of the newly established M.U.D.P.A.C. (Municipal Utility District Political Action Committee) which has a website at <http://www.mudpac.org>. He requested that an agenda item for a presentation by his committee to the Court be set for December 2, 2003. The Court decided such an agenda item could exist, so long as the wording of the item contains the phrase, "...to take appropriate action..."

Richard Gibbs, in his capacity as the president of the Greater Great Oaks HOA, read a letter into the record of the Court regarding Great Oaks Drive, the Brushy Creek M.U.D., and his opposition to certain proposed changes there.

< Attachment >

**Letter to the Commissioners
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I spoke to you on October 14 regarding an issue that is very important to all of us who live in the vicinity of Great Oaks Drive and Sam Bass Road, and that is the water treatment plant proposed by the Brushy Creek MUD and related items. There are many residents of Great Oaks, Brushy Bend, Brushy Creek North, Tonkawa Springs, Behrens Ranch, Wood Glen, Hidden Glen and even Southern Brushy Creek who are strongly opposed to the location of this plant and who will be affected by it. And we have a petition signed by over 500 residents from all of these neighborhoods requesting that they move the plant.

We continue to attempt to locate a site for the plant that's better for all concerned and appreciate the help you've given us in *the past in* this area. We continue to oppose the condemnation of private property for the plant when there are alternatives that do not require condemnation.

But today, I want to talk primarily about two other issues surrounding this, and those are the proposed relocation of Great Oaks Drive around the plant, and the location of the pipeline through Great Oaks Subdivision.

The stated reason for relocating the road is for safety reasons. The Brushy Creek MUD engineer has stated repeatedly that the current alignment is dangerous on both the southbound and the northbound intersections of Great Oaks with Sam Bass. In both cases, the intersections form a "T" between Great Oaks and Sam Bass. When we pointed out that numerous long-term residents of both subdivisions could not remember a serious accident at either intersection, he stated that he didn't think they knew everything about these intersections. So we took him to heart and called the sheriff's office for the real statistics. After all, the only way to answer a statement like that is to get the real numbers, the real

facts. The answer from the sheriff's office is that the most dangerous thing about that stretch of Sam Bass is the deer. There have been no serious accidents at either intersection. Further, if the road is re-routed to feed directly across Great Oaks, we feel that that will encourage more traffic down Great Oaks Drive, more traffic that is just rushing through. The sheriff's department already frequently sets up a speed trap across from my home on Great Oaks Drive and catches a large number of speeders every time they do. We don't need to be encouraging ^{any} more to come through this way.

Finally, on the routing of the pipeline through Great Oaks Subdivision, we understand that the county is still in negotiations with the Brushy Creek MUD regarding placing it under the street. We ask that you do everything in your power to convince them that that is the only reasonable option, particularly as compared to condemnation of private property. We continue to press them to resolve any issues they may have with you regarding an easement under the street for this pipeline. And we request that you also work to resolve any issues from the county side. Again, there is no rational reason for them to condemn land for the pipeline if a street runs along that land, particularly if, as in this case, the street does not have any utilities running down its length. After all, they plan to put it under the streets when it's within MUD territory.

Once again, thank you for the help you've given us thus far, and we continue to ask for your help to finally resolve these matters.

Thank you.

Richard Gibbs
President,
Greater Great Oaks Homeowners Association