

AGENDA ITEM 25

Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

Mike Weaver addressed the Court.

AGENDA ITEM 26

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

Ed Lee addressed the Court.

AGENDA ITEM 27

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of March 31, 2004 at 2:00pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for a Tennis Pro Manager for the Parks Department.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Curlee**

Motion: To authorize advertising and setting date of March 31, 2004 at 2:00pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for a Tennis Pro Manager for the Parks Department.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Boatright** was absent from the dais.

AGENDA ITEM 28

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of March 31, 2004 at 2:30pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for miniature train operation for the Williamson County Regional Park.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Curlee**

Motion: To authorize advertising and setting date of March 31, 2004 at 2:30pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for miniature train operation for the Williamson County Regional Park.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Boatright** was absent from the dais.

AGENDA ITEM 29

Consider canceling Commissioner's Court meeting for March 16, 2004.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Curlee**

Motion: To cancel Commissioner's Court meeting for March 16, 2004.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Boatright** was absent from the dais.

AGENDA ITEM 30

Consider declaring the week of March 14 - 20 as National Agriculture Week in Texas.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To declare the week of March 14 - 20 as National Agriculture Week in Texas.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Boatright** was absent from the dais.

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March 2, 2004

The Honorable John Doerfler
Williamson County Judge
710 Main Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Judge Doerfler:

Agriculture begins with the land and embraces an industry that provides products essential to our everyday lives. The week of March 14 to 20 is National Agriculture Week in Texas – a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy annually.

During this week, I ask you to join me in honoring the farmers, ranchers, individuals and businesses whose dedication and commitment to the land and people of Texas make our agricultural industry thrive.

From healthy food to fresh flowers to warm clothing, agriculture touches our lives every day. Agriculture provides us with generous amounts of nutrients to feed our bodies and gives us a profound sense of where things come from. Awareness of the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives helps us understand the stake that we all have in our state's second-largest industry.

Please join me in honoring our agricultural community by adopting an Agriculture Week proclamation for your jurisdiction and by using the enclosed information to focus the spotlight upon this valuable resource that means so much to your area.

If you need additional information or assistance with Agriculture Week activities, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Susan Combs
Commissioner

SC/cc

*Making Texas the nation's
leader in agriculture, while
promoting excellence in
children's nutrition, rural
economic development and
providing efficient and
extraordinary service.*

National Agriculture Week in Texas – March 14 to 20, 2004

Use this as the framework to recognize National Agriculture Week in your area; you can customize it to fit your format and add additional statistics and information as needed.

WHEREAS, the week of March 14 to 20, 2004, is National Agriculture Week in Texas, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and

WHEREAS, we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing a safe, abundant and affordable food, horticulture and fiber supply now and for years to come, and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows us to make healthier food choices for ourselves and for our families, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture is not just producing abundant food, horticulture and fiber, but is producing higher quality items that continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture produces wholesome nutritious foods that give us a multitude of healthy menu choices and access to fresh meat, grains and produce, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture builds upon centuries of progress by making constant advances in science, research, technology, production and marketing to meet changing consumer demands, and

WHEREAS, the Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agricultural production – including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas agriculture produces large quantities of high quality food and fiber, and plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment, and

WHEREAS, an awareness of the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives helps us understand the vital stake that we all have in Texas' second-largest industry, and

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in this county. Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of (insert county name here) declares this National Agriculture Week in (county name), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioners' court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, we, the undersigned do hereby affix our signatures this 9TH day of March 2004.

(insert signature blocks)

Note:

Instead of a commissioners' court action, the County Judge individually can author this resolution. Substitute County Judge in place of the commissioners' court references. You also may want to include a section that specifically recognizes agriculture producers, agribusinesses or agriculture organizations in your area. If you would like an electronic version of this, contact Carrie Critchfield at (512) 463-7818 or by e-mail at carrie.critchfield@agr.state.tx.us.

*approved 3-9-04
John C. Donffer*