

AGENDA ITEM 40

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

Ed Lee addressed the Court.

AGENDA ITEM 41

Consider rejecting bids received for the construction of Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Jim Rodgers addressed the Court.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To reject bids received for the construction of Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Vote: 5 – 0

AGENDA ITEM 42

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of April 21, 2004 at 2:00pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive bids for construction of Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize advertising and setting date of April 21, 2004 at 2:00pm in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive bids for construction of Berry Springs Park and Preserve.

Vote: 5 – 0

AGENDA ITEM 43

Hear presentation and take any appropriate action on Nathan Chapman monument to be located at the new Courthouse Annex.

Mel Pendland, the President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Jordan, addressed the Court. The SERTOMA Club of Georgetown, has agreed to serve as the 501(c)3, non-profit entity, has agreed to channel the funds for the anticipated \$150,000 cost of this project, which will be raised prior to construction.

[Sgt. First Class Nathan Ross Chapman was the first American killed in action in the War on Terror. He died on Friday, January 4, 2002, in Afghanistan, in the Gardez area west of Khost, while serving as a member of Operational Detachment – Alpha (ODA) 194, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). His parents, Will and Lynn Chapman, live in Williamson County.]

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve the site and to accept the ownership in perpetuity of the on Nathan Chapman monument to be located at the new Courthouse Annex.

Vote: 5 – 0

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03/23/2004



Proposed Nathan Chapman Memorial
A Tribute to our Fallen Heroes in the War Against Terror

On January 4, 2002, less than four months after the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, First Sergeant Nathan Ross Chapman, son of Williamson County residents Wilbur and Lynn Chapman, became the first American soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan in the War on Terror. The impact of his death was felt throughout our nation, and his heroism has come to symbolize the sacrifices made by the hundreds who have since died in the War on Terror and the continued service of thousands of our young men and women in this struggle for the survival of our way of life.

Such examples must not be forgotten. We must always remember that freedom is not free, but must be earned anew by each generation of Americans. This memorial is intended to honor all of our men and women in uniform and to serve as a place of reflection and inspiration to all who see it.

The Memorial is to be a life size bronze of Sergeant Chapman, a representation of which I have handed you this morning, and will be done by Mr. Bob Pack, a world-renowned sculptor from Sugarland, Texas. Mr. Pack is famous for his sculptures of golf legends Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Gary Player. He has also created work for Pope John Paul II and most recently unveiled a statue of Stephen F. Austin crossing the Brazos River, which is the centerpiece of the new Sugarland town center. Among his other notable works are the statue of Frances Ouimet at the Country Club in Massachusetts and "the Guardian" a tribute to police officers in Sugarland.

The inscription of the memorial will honor not only Sergeant Chapman, but all of those who have died in the service of our country during this conflict, as well as those who continue to serve in this ongoing struggle. It will be accompanied by plaques to which the names of those who die in this and future wars can be added over time. Only last week another soldier from our county was added to this honored list.

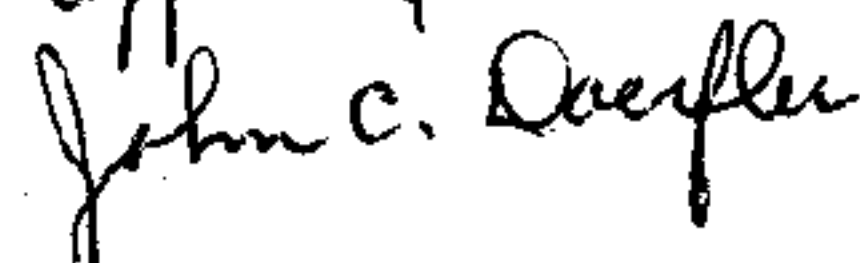
A total of \$150,000 will be raised through private donations to fund this project. The Georgetown SERTOMA club has graciously agreed to be the sponsoring non-profit organization for the memorial and will administer the funds and make payments to the artist according to the Artwork Agreement, which is submitted for your consideration. Three individuals, Dr. Buz Sawyer, David Goswick, and I will be responsible for soliciting donations to complete the project. None of us will receive any compensation or derive any economic benefit whatever for our efforts. Paul Jordan, of Sneed, Vine, and Perry has also volunteered his considerable legal assistance and is here to answer any questions you may have regarding the agreement.

In order to make this dream a reality, we need the Court's agreement to authorize its placement at a site recommended by the County at the intersection of Fourth and Forest Streets, and to accept ownership of the memorial in perpetuity on behalf of the citizens of Williamson County. The only cost, other than future maintenance, to be born by Williamson County would be related to landscaping and preparation of the site, which was proposed as an alternative to our original preference on the Courthouse Square. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman agreed to the new location after conferring with Commissioner Hays, Judge Stubblefield, and Ed Lee, who can answer any questions you may have in that regard.

In its new home, the memorial will be seen by prospective jurors as they make their way from the parking garage to the courts building. What better inspiration can we provide than this reminder that the seeming inconvenience of serving on a jury is nothing in comparison to the sacrifices made in defense of our right to live in a free society in which our access to justice is so often taken for granted. This memorial will not only commemorate our honored dead, but will also inspire in each of us a sense of duty which will help to ensure the survival of our society.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and for your support of this noble project.


Mel Rendland, March 23, 2004

approved 3-23-04

John C. Daerfler