



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS

ON THIS THE 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D., 1999, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

JAMES L. POWERS
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE
H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER
WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT
RUSS G. MOLENAAR
LEE CARLISLE

COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Powers called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Commissioner Molenaar led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Camp asked to move up item #14 (public meeting to discuss the Hays County 2025 Multi-corridor Transportation Plan) & #15 (reconstruction of roads with percentages that match the percent of county roads in each precinct) so that the public can speak up front. Judge Powers advised that the court will go through the first part of the agenda which will not take very long.

18220 APPROVE PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$110,624.18 as presented by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".

Financial Adm Svcs	\$ 22.50	Other Revenue	\$ 17,769.54	Auditors Office	\$ 498.69
Treasurers Office	\$ 627.35	Grants Admin	\$ 183.66	Juvenile Probation Ofc	\$ 1,162.59
Election Administration	\$ 9.45	Transfer Station	\$ 201.12	Bldg Mtc. Dept.	\$ 2,373.25
Environ Health	\$ 267.20	Civic Center	\$ 935.34	Countywide Oper	\$ 11,854.62
Tax A/C	\$ 116.19	District Clerk's Office	\$ 41.45	Sheriff's Office	\$ 7,529.54
County Judges Of c	\$ 299.82	District Attorneys Ofc	\$ 256.96	J.P. 1-1	\$ 21.24
J.P. 3	\$ 80.68	J.P. 4	\$ 86.00	J.P. 5	\$ 130.91
DPS	\$ 507.49	Constable 2	\$ 396.86	Constable 3	\$ 417.11
Constable 4	\$ 331.49	Constable 5	\$ 84.99	Dist Court Operations	\$ 3,390.16
Co & JP Court Oper	\$ 2,404.28	Veterans Admin Ofc	\$ 46.19	Computer Services	\$ 2,623.00
DPS/ L&W	\$ 61.53	Fire Marshal/EMC	\$ 77.58	Hays Co Historical Comm	\$ 99.25
Assoc Judge/Family Law	\$ 12.94	VOCA Grant	\$ 484.90	911 Addrs Mtc Grant	\$ 80.00
Juv Accountability Grant	\$ 238.36	Gen Fund Credit	<\$29.24>	R&B Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 6,825.08
R&B Operations	\$ 18,258.25	Precinct 1	\$ 144.44	Precinct 2	\$ 20.49
Precinct 3	\$ 508.08	Precinct 4	\$ 317.67	Road Reconstruction	\$ 1,795.50
Sheriff Abandoned Veh	\$ 119.29	Rec Mng/Co Clerk	\$ 360.12	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 96.17
Sheriff Spec Proj Fund	\$ 85.58	Sheriffs Drug Forfeiture	\$ 1,043.48	Family Health Svcs	\$ 172.07
Certif of Oblig '97	\$ 95.36	DOJ/Equip & Tech '98	\$ 1,336.25	DOJ/Equip & Tech '99	\$ 2,073.56

18221 APPROVE UTILITY PERMITS

The following Utility Permits were submitted for approval: #99-304 on Carney Lane to Aqua Source
#99-305 on Las Flores to Aqua Source
#99-430 on Longwood to Hill Country Water (ECO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve Utility Permits #99-304, #99-305, and #99-430 as submitted by the Road Department. All voting "Aye".

18222 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 1999

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of November 2, 1999 as presented by the County Clerk. All voting "Aye".

18223 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2000-02

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve Budget Amendment No. 2000-02 as proposed by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".

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				AMENDMENT NO. <u>2000-02</u> FY 2000 BUDGET <u>11-9-99</u>
FUND NO. <u>01</u>				
FUND TITLE <u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
LINE ITEM - EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATION BEFORE	AMENDMENT		APPROPRIATION AS
	AMENDMENT	INCREASES	DECREASES	AMENDED
DISTRICT CLERK (416):				
01-416-5219 Case Binder	1,350	350		1,700
01-416-5461 Printing	1,250		(175)	1,075
01-416-5215 Perm Records	1,000	-----	(175)	825
		<u>350</u>	<u>(350)</u>	
Transfer for needed binder expense				
JAIL OPERATIONS (419):				
01-419-5719 Misc. Equipment	-0-	1,480		1,480
01-419-5451 Contract Bldg. Maint	123,000		(1,480)	121,520
To allow purchase of Jail portion of DWI screening equipment. Total cost of 4,421 to be shared with City and DA				
CJD/TRUANCY OFFICER GRANT (717):				
01-717-5021 Staff	-0-	40,070		40,070
01-717-5101 FICA/RET	-0-	6,918		6,918
01-717-5160 Insurances	-0-	2,901		2,901
01-717-5346 Workmens Comp	-0-	282		282
01-717-5448 Contract Services	-0-	11,500		11,500
01-717-5219 Supplies/Other	-0-	5,429		5,429
01-717-5719 Equipment	-0-	<u>24,000</u>		24,000
		<u>91,100</u>		
REVENUE				
01-381-2717 CJD/Truancy Grant		DECREASE	INCREASE	
01-381-2717 SMCISD & WISD		-0-	58,784	
<u>74,942</u>		-0-	<u>16,158</u>	
Budget Grant Award-Hays County Share-	<u>\$16,158</u>			
COUNTYWIDE OPERATIONS (414):				
01-414-5091 Salary Adjust	103,062	(2,658)		100,404
01-414-5402 CAD-County Portion	232,032	(13,500)		218,532
		<u>(16,158)</u>		
Hays County Match				
TJPC/JUVENILE JUSTICE ALT. EDUCATION GRANT (743):				
01-743-5021 Staff	-0-	26,550		26,550
01-743-5101 FICA/RET	-0-	4,426		4,426
01-743-5160 Insurances	-0-	2,903		2,903
01-743-5301 Operating Exp	-0-	2,160		2,160
01-743-5448 Non-Residential	-0-	<u>8,961</u>		8,961
		<u>45,000</u>		
REVENUE				
01-384-2743 TJPC/JJAE Grant	-0-	DECREASE	INCREASE	
		<u>45,000</u>	45,000	
Budget Grant Award from Agency				

18224 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CURT BUSK TO REPLACE MARY VANDIGGELE ON THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve appointment of Curt Busk to replace Mary VanDiggelle on the Parks Advisory Board. All voting "Aye".

18225 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR WHICH A PURCHASE ORDER WAS NOT OBTAINED (JUVENILE PROBATION)

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ed Cooper requested approval to pay an invoice in the amount of \$355.20 from BJ's Special Tees for which a purchase order was not obtained. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to authorize payment of invoice for which a purchase order was not obtained by Juvenile Probation Department. All voting "Aye".



18226 ACTION REGARDING BID OFFERS FOR PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST [T1-84]

Tax Assessor-Collector Luanne Caraway presented bids for consideration.

The first property is Lot 121 Woodcreek Section 9B with a bid offer of \$996.00 (91% recovery). A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to accept bid offer of \$996.00 for Lot 121 Woodcreek Section 9B. All voting "Aye".

The second property is Lot 4 Block 2 Carroll & Hofheinz Addition with a bid offer of \$3,000 (14% recovery). A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to reject bid offer of \$3,000 for Lot 4 Block 2 Carroll & Hofheinz Addition. All voting "Aye".

The third property is Lot 4 M. L. Arnold's City View Addition with a bid offer of \$4,250.00 (36% recovery). A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to reject bid offer of \$4,250.00 for Lot 4 M. L. Arnold's City View Addition. All voting "Aye".

18227 CANVASS THE NOVEMBER 2, 1999 ELECTION RETURNS [T1-139]

Joyce Cowan, Election Administrator presented the results of the elections held on November 2, 1999.

Constitutional Amendment Election - Out of a total of 56,540 registered voters, the total of ballots cast = 4,373 (7.73%) Votes were cast as follows:

PROPOSITION NUMBER	FOR	AGAINST
1	2,751	1,132
2	2,530	1,343
3	3,026	938
4	1,730	2,324
5	2,175	1,947
6	2,646	1,494
7	2,721	1,411
8	1,676	2,286
9	1,261	2,645
10	1,659	2,386
11	2,497	1,451
12	1,881	2,182
13	2,654	1,431
14	2,767	1,191
15	2,798	1,210
16	2,524	1,408
17	2,219	1,713

The results for the Library District Elections were as follows:

WIMBERLEY VILLAGE LIBRARY DISTRICT	FOR	AGAINST
	763	234

WIMBERLEY VILLAGE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD	VOTE
Joan Heath	461
Cal Neill	412
Steve Schubert	485
Mel Larkin	470
Linda Hewlett	556

DRIPPING SPRINGS COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT	FOR	AGAINST
	669	235

DRIPPING SPRINGS COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD	VOTE
Brenda Smith	306
Bill Ferrick	284
Linda Woodward	286
Penny Johnson	265
Missy Atwood	296
Write-In vote for Marianne Simmons	1
Write-In vote for Gaylynn Erskine	1
Write-in vote for John Sloop	1

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to approve the results and canvass the election returns for November 2, 1999 as presented by the Elections Administrator. All voting

"Aye".

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Clerk's Note: Item # 7 regarding converting Road Maintenance Senior Grade 23 to Mechanic Grade 26 was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE HAYS COUNTY 2025 MULTI-CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Brian Dudley [T1-230] expressed support for the concept of an additional committee to look at the details of the plan. He thinks some of the changes were responsive to the input at the various public meetings. He spoke of plans for safety improvements to existing roadways. He wants to help preserve the valuable characteristics of Hays County. Residents do not want a regional route through this area. He would like to work with the committee in some capacity or another.

Judy Ruggles [T1-282] stated that she sees no evidence of people who are for this plan. Commissioner Molenaar asked members of the audience to stand that support this plan.

Trace Ruggles [T1-303] (Pct. 4 resident) spoke of clearly defining what you want for the county in 25 years and not go by the projected growth. He feels like it is putting the cart before the horse.

David Berman [T1-331] (River Creek Subd) expressed his support for improving existing roadways and he wants to see the quality of life protected.

Commissioner Burnett spoke of upgrade of all State roads in the county is planned.

Jack Bauer [T1-376] stated that the plan does not contain the essential elements to make it comprehensive - it offers no alternatives to transportation opportunities through improvement of existing roads, does not identify a valid current situation, it identifies that the transportation planning process needs to address social, economic and environmental concerns and yet the plan admits that it considers none of these. It does not address the progress of Texas Dept. of Transportation in developing a road system east of IH35, it does not offer alternative analysis and it does not capture the interest of the public through utilization of a structured public scoping process. He spoke of plans for extension of Loop 1 (Mopac) without adequate public involvement. He feels like this was not a legitimate planning process. He spoke of proposed Sky Ranch Subdivision that is being asked to build a four-lane roadway through their subdivision and a very expensive bridge over Onion Creek. This is not what the developer wants and not what many of the people in the county want. He stated that it appears that those involved in the subdivision review process are brcing their desires of the transportation plan into current permit applications even without approval and acceptance of the transportation plan by the public. He encouraged the court to listen to the public, scrap this plan and institute a valid planning effort to evaluate transportation alternatives available to the county. Until a valid transportation planning document is generated, that is supported by the public, he recommends that they not force a set of subdivision standards upon a development community that in any way mimics the dots on the map displaying this plan.

Sarah Bauer (Crosshouse Estates) [T1-438] feels like the blue ribbon committee will add substantial value as long as committee members are truly representative of the Hays County citizens and are educated and skilled in planning and decision analysis practices. She strongly urged the court to put into place a planning document that recommends the county preserve the character of the county road system and scenic corridors .by utilizing floodplain preservation for setbacks and buffers and providing buffer setbacks for creeks. The plan also recommends a policy for encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle usage along county roadways - the road map does not reflect other issues such as social, economic and environmental concerns - a proper impact analysis is needed. She spoke of roadways running over the Edwards aquifer recharge zone. She asked for a moratorium until committee submits its findings. She stated that Sky Ranch Subdivision should not be made to build a four lane road and bridge as requested by the county. Commissioner Molenaar advised that the county cannot hold a moratorium and the court must take action on plats within 60 days.

Arley Blankenship (Pct. 3 resident) [T1-493] spoke of his concern over the Mopac extension and growth that it will bring. He is concerned about protecting the environment and water quality and availability. We need responsible growth.

Roger Kew [T5-531] spoke of need for a better plan that we can do together. When a new road is built it will bring on new roads and businesses. He felt like new roads will not decrease the amount of time you will be on the road. He spoke of funding new roads not being a wise use of public funds to give huge amounts of money and reduce the cost to developers. He would like be advised of criteria for people who will be one the blue ribbon committee.

Roger Miranda (Crosshouse Estates/Pct. 2) [T1-593] feels like there is an overwhelming outcry opposed to the plan. He asked "where are the environmental statements and reports?". He spoke of conditions in California with air pollution and he does not want that to happen here. He suggested moving the proposed Highway 1 and improve the existing roads. He hopes the court will do the right thing.

Tracy Birchfield [T1-641] advised that he has not seen any articles regarding impact on wildlife and he is concerned about air quality in Hays County. He asked about alternative transportation plans for carpooling, commuter rail, and bicycling. He spoke of bicycling on county roads is not safe in Hays County and he would like to see improvements made to accommodate bicycling. He is concerned about truck traffic (with hazardous materials) on these roadways. He is in favor of the blue ribbon committee as long as it is people from Hays County.

Helen Gallagher (Crosshouse Estates) [T1-681] spoke of living in a subdivision (well established) where a 4 lane highway is being proposed. She stated that several families are being terribly affected by this proposal. She spoke of what appears to be a 100 ft. roadway that is being cut through the Rutherford Ranch. She stated that the developer of Sky Ranch is not in support of this four lane roadway. She asked the County Judge to come out to the subdivision to talk to some of the people being affected by this proposed development.



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DeDe Stevenson (Dripping Springs) [T1-748] spoke of having worked for 5 years to bring surface water into northern Hays County. She understands the peoples concerns here. She stated that she knows for a fact that most of these studies have been done in the past and she is greatful that they have been brought forward. She spoke of need to put a time limit on whatever committees are formed. We are going to have continued growth and we need to have infrastructure, a plan to work from and a working model to addressed the growth.

Phil Savoy (Take Back Texas) [T1-773] spoke of taking the high ground (presentation in writing submitted to clerk entitled "Let's not take the middle ground, Let's take the high ground"). Let's have a plan that provides for the donation of inexpensive right of way before development comes. (road right of way, sewer easements, waterline easements, & electrical easements) Let's have a plan that will help in obtaining funds for major infrastructure from the Texas State Dept. of Transportation. These funds could help with bridges and new State Roads, that far exceed the means of Cities, Counties, or individuals to construct Let's have a plan that provides for a network of quality, county speck roads with environmental pollution controls using donated or inexpensive right of way. This network could use minimal roadway widths without the need for high speed designs; you may travel at a slower speed but they will get you there faster because they get you where you need to go. Let's plan for public needs before land becomes so inherently expensive. (school sites where children can walk to schools/smaller schools, church sites, parks in neighborhoods where people live, neighborhood community shopping, alternate state road link from San Marcos to Austin, & Loop around San Marcos) Let's protect the aquifer and the hill country setting by providing the infrastructure to support clustered, mixed, neo-tradional neighborhoods in the existing Cities and their ETJ's. Dumb growth: Don't complete some kind of extension of Mo Pac to San Marcos Use the Austin don't plan or build for growth Model, because growth isn't coming anyway, and you don't have a plan and manage it. Continue the suburban sprawl for the elite and doom the middle and lower class to land east of IH-35. Don't be concerned for the future generations, continue to pass the costs on to them, taxes are only 40% of your grouse pay and rising.

Jim Green advised that he supports the transportation plan.

Ernest Murry [T1-841] thanked the court for moving ahead with a road plan for Hays County. He believes the right way to handle this would have been to approve the plan when it came to commissioners' court and then sent to the infrastructure committee for refinements and then when it went to public hearings we would have had a plan that was much more prepared for the public hearings. Having the public hearings first has been a disserved because of misinformation that was put out. This plan is not intended to promote development (or restrict development) but to protect the health and safety of county residents. The plan presents only general depictions of where roadways are needed and are not site specific. The possible improvements will not take priority of routine maintenance and reconstruction of existing roads. He spoke of time and again hearing that we are going to put these new roads as a priority over existing roads. We need a road program – we need to plan for the future. He spoke of it being hard to get the information out there with all the negative campaigning. He feels like the committee is a mistake, it should go back to the infrastructure committee.

Richard Goldstein (Pct. 4 resident) [T1-937] appreciates the work the court is doing and the positive changes to the plans. He stated that he moved here for the quality of life and he asked for a set of goals that supports the lifestyle that people enjoy here (at blue ribbon committee stage). He spoke of need to inform the public.

Tom Myers (Pct 2 resident) [T1-980] spoke of short time frame (August – October) for developing the lines and dotted lines. He stated that he appreciates the fact that changes were made to the plan and he stated that he is not against planning (quote from Joe Paterno "the will to win is important, the will to plan is vital") but he has concerns: He is against blue ribbon committee (Commissioners are elected to a job and should do it), he appreciates that the extension of 202 has being canceled (wants assurance that will be continue) and he would like more time in developing the plan and more time spent in improving the existing roads. Quote from LBJ "We will have differences, men of different ancestries, men of different tongues, men of colors, men of different environments, men of different geographies do not see everything alike. If we did we would all want the same life and that would be a problem wouldn't it?"

Michael Thames [T1-1036] spoke in behalf of the economic develop committee of the North Hays County Planning Partnership – they are in support of what the court is doing in planning for the future. They are not in favor of all roads on the plan, but you must start somewhere. He stated that on a personal note, he is a builder and he starts out with a final set of plans and he has not built a house yet that has ended up as it started out. This revises the 1990 plans and will continue to be revised.

Joyce "Tommie" Poer [T1-1064] commended the court for looking ahead. She has lived in Hays County since 1957 and she would like for developers to be responsible for roads. She does not want to pay for roads for people who are not already here. She volunteered for the blue ribbon committee.

Jeff Koffman (North Hays County Planning Partnership/Chair of the infrastructure committee) [T1-1064] supports the plans and realizes that this plan will continue to change. If you don't plan, somebody else will plan for you. Growth will be coming and you need to plan for that growth. His group supports the environment and supports the quality of life that we have come to know and love in this area and they support the plan because it has those aspects in it. If there is a way to build upon this plan, he personally supports that and spoke in favor of community support.

Jim Camp (Pct. 2 resident) [T1-1140] commended the court for creating a blue ribbon committee, however, he thinks it should have been done before consultants were hired. He praised the maps that now show the Edwards aquifer recharge and contributing zones. These environment issues were not shown on the maps presented at the public meetings. He has lived in Hays County over 20 years and realizes that planning is important. He spoke of lingering doubt about the process because the plan consultants also represented the Newhall Developers and appears to be a conflict of interest. We need full faith that this was a plan that was written for the public and not for the developers and large landowners. Judge Powers spoke of conflict of

interes issuet - he was not aware of Prime Strategies relationship with Newhall Developers - this was a continuation of a project that was started with the previous court. Commissioner Burnett spoke of 1990 version that was adopted by the court showing a rough version of extension from Hilliard Road up to MoPac.

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David Morales (River Mountain Ranch) [T1-1242] spoke of Mopac Extension. He stated that he went to all the meetings and the majority of the people in attendance were opposed to the plan because it encroaches upon their lifestyle, threatens their water supply and changes the character of the area that the country dwellers have sought out. He spoke of need to improve existing roads in the county. He is opposed to the Mopac Extension. We do not need to spend our money to encourage development - development will occur where roadways exist. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of studies that were out in 1990 - in 1995 this plan was discussed in relation to Bear Creek. The 1998 study shows basically the same as the earlier one. He has not seen the plan for proposed development.

John Sanford (Pct. 2 resident) [T1-1336] has been a member of the Hays County Infrastructure Committee for 4 years and at least one year before Newhall ever surfaced on the scene and they saw all different kinds of road plans that were incorporated as part of this plan. He commended the court for planning for 2025 for our children and grandchildren. If we don't plan now we wont have a good Hays County for the future. He supports a blue ribbon committee so that we can arrive at a consensus and go forward with it.

Joe Diaz (Crosshouse Estates) [T1-1336] spoke of opening people eyes with this transportation study. He is puzzled that more public hearings haven't been held out in the communities. He asked why the City of Austin is spending money buying up large tracts of land to preserve the Barton Springs Aquifer and recharge zone and we are going in the opposite direction by proposing to build major highways and more development. He is concerned about quality of water if we build over the recharge zone. He asked why we are not looking at a smart growth/managed growth plan. Judge Powers advised that public hearings were held in all areas of the county. Commissioner Carter spoke of Pct. 2 having the greatest number of lines drawn through it and deserves to have more people speak out because they will feel the brunt of transportation planning or lack of infrastructure rebuilding.

Lee Grote (Crosshouse Estates) [T1-1448] spoke of Sky Ranch Subdivision which will be the first building block of building this corridor and he spoke of need to make this a small country road (that is what the developer Mr. Wood wants and needs), however Environmental Health is requiring a 100 ft. ROW (4-lane road). He spoke of some agreements that have been made. They are not opposed to development but their objection is the size and location of the proposed roadway that will support this subdivision.

Jim Hollis [T1-1506] advised that no plan will please everybody, everywhere, every time. He told the Commissioners' Court that they were elected by the constituents to be the blue ribbon committee and he wants to see this plan move forward.

T. J. Higginbotham [T1-1531] He stated that he waives his time but advised that he supports the plan.

Frank Austin (Wimberley resident) [T1-1536] spoke of Wimberley not being an incorporated community and not having an official voice. We do get to be heard thanks to forums such as this and they are appreciative. He supports planning but is against the particular plan that has been submitted. Input is needed from the citizens in the area affected by the plan. He strongly supports a blue ribbon committee to spend the time necessary to study the problems that we have and to develop a new plan or revise the plan we have. He suggested doing that within the structure of the current infrastructure committee.

J. Lee Crawford [T1-1567] supports doing the plan the right way and they do not appreciate being called "stupid" because they don't support the plan. They want to massage the plan and make it work for all the people (builders, people that live here, and the people that might live here). He asked to put people on the committee that have imagination and will consider alternatives. It appears that some on the court are trying to force these 4 lanes through this place. He asked the court to be fair and listen to 80% of the people and come up with a plan together.

W. Bill Howell (Pct. 4 resident) [T1-1627] supports the multi-corridor plan. He spoke of being involved with the City of Austin for 30 years and they did not having any plan at all. We must start someplace because next year might be too late. He spoke of putting together the blue ribbon committee today and need a time limit and move forward. No plan will exclude language that states the plan cannot be changed. A basic plan is needed. Committee members should really be involved in the project as a short term task and attend all the meetings.

Bill Aragon (Pct. 4 resident) [T1-1688] spoke of concerns from Lime Kiln Road residents who were unable to attend open forums. He feels like they have not had adequate representation in the Lime Kiln Road area and they would like to see a detailed plan of the Loop @ San Marcos. Need to look at the impact along the Austin-San Antonio corridor and the environmental issues. He is not anti-growth but they want a solid plan. He would like to see alternatives and their impact (ie upper deck over IH35). He spoke in support of more public forums.

Steve Bresnan (Pct. 2) [T1-1757] he supports new public roads and improvement of existing roads. We need to modernize this county and we need to revise the plan on an ongoing basis. He stated "don't plan my life for me - get me from point A to point B and I will live my life". He spoke of demonizing and he hopes that this will stop and we can work together on a plan. Demonizing is not the way to live our lives, not the way to get roads built and kids to school, and we ought not to do that.

Patrick Cox (25 yr resident of the county/Wimberley resident) [T1-1858] spoke of public hearing in Wimberley that was well attended. Transportation is just a part of what needs to be done in our county in order to maintain the quality of life in Hays County. He read from a petition that was presented opposing the transportation plan.

Petition reads: We, the undersigned, as residents and/or property owners in Hays County, realize that we live in a special place where we enjoy a high quality of life in a uniquely beautiful and hospitable area. We OPPOSE the Hays County Transportation Plan proposed by the Hays County Commissioners' Court which will extend MoPac south into our county, accompanied by an entirely new system of roads into undeveloped and lightly populated areas of the county. The plan will create more traffic and suburban sprawl, and will harm our groundwater supplies, air quality, create more congestion for

existing property owners and forever change the face of the communities in which we reside. We SUPPORT the creation of a new long-term plan that gives priority to our surface and ground water resources, environmentally sensitive areas, making existing roads safer and provides for protection and dedication of open spaces, greenbelts and historically important areas and considers other alternatives to traditional ground transportation in our county. We the undersigned, express our CONCERN and OPPOSITION to the current Hays County Transportation Plan.

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Carol Mitchell (Wimberley Valley resident) [T1-1935] spoke of time constraints and fact that an Austin Planning Group is already using this plan as modeling. A Williamson/Travis/Hays County Group a using the original draft which will be going to TxDot. Commissioner Burnett spoke of CAMPO plan which is using the Buda area for modeling. He advised that they do modeling with or without a plan. The CAMPO board cannot adopt something that Hay County Commissioners' Court has not adopted. TxDot does not have a time frame but CAMPO does and he is not willing to present a plan without adoption by the Court. She stated that she is concerned about TxDot having a plan that has not been approved.

David Baker (Exec Director of the Wimberley Valley Watershed Assoc. and member of the Parks Board) [T1-2058] spoke of this plan being a living document that will change as it goes along. He spoke of need for a comprehensive analysis of environmental issues (more than traffic counts and projected growth). He feels like efforts can be made to control growth. A more scientific approach is needed, therefore, he opposes the plan in its present form.

Judy Carr (Driftwood resident) [T1-2119] spoke of wanting to put out a public service announcement and say that this only a plan. If it was the real thing you would have been instructed to attend a TxDot meeting in your neighborhood. She would hate to see a highway go through those ranches but growth will come and roads will not be built tomorrow. Something must be presented to TxDot so that we can start getting our finger in the money so that Williamson County will not get all the money for road improvements in the future. She spoke of need for a plan (which is not set in stone). TxDot will have meetings, form need assessments, and they will have the final say. She commended the court for providing a plan.

Don West [T1-2185] spoke of roads that have been built up to his front yard (Slaughter Lane in Austin) and back yard (First Street in Austin) and he spoke of other property he owns in Hays County (570 acres). He spoke of concerns about water availability.

Gene Whitworth [T1-2276] spoke in opposition to this plan. He does not feel like it is a comprehensive plan because it is not designed to form a mold growth like we would like to see it. The Blue Ribbon committee should be truly representative of the views of people in this county and cannot be stacked with one particular view (either for or against) and not a rubber stamp of any particular view. The outcome needs to be based on the information out there and it needs to address things like green space, alternative transportation, and desired growth corridors among road building options (roads cannot be the only issued being addressed).

[T1-2352] Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Dripping Springs ETJ and Austin ETJ being in the Crosshouse Estates area and they have more authority in that area than the County does. He spoke of involvement of TNRCC, EPA, and Texas Fish & Wildlife in these issues. He spoke of counties not having a lot of authority by law. We do ask for greenbelt areas in subdivisions and environmental studies in our subdivision regulations. He stated that he never requested a 4-lane highway at Sky Ranch (our subdivision rules address a 4lane highway). He wanted a two lane highway, donate the property to the state, and let the state do an impact study and let the developer pay for the road. He stated that he wants good quality development. He does not want to change the quality of life we enjoy. Commissioner Carter thanked everyone for being here today. [T1-2437] Commissioner Ingalsbe thanked everyone for being here and for their comments. She spoke of calls and letters she has received and she spoke of miscommunication in information that was given out. This plan was never intended for our road dept. to build these roads - it was to identify the areas where growth is expected - we never intended to build these roads with taxpayers money. [T1-2463] Judge Powers (has lived in Hays County for 20 years) spoke of his concerns about Hays County. He spoke of people having the right to come to Hays County and live here and he respects their right to do that. We are going to grow and if we don't plan we will find ourselves in a situation much like Austin where it takes 30 minutes to move down Ben White in the middle of the day. We must plan ahead. He spoke of comments he has heard from all areas of the county. He wished he had all the answers. We must plan on how we will build roads in all directions of the county and protect our environment. He stated that he is disappointed that the press is willing to pick up on issues without exploring the facts and people read that and think it is the gospel. We never talked about \$200 million of taxpayers money to pay for these roads. He spoke of form letters he has received regarding this figure - we don't have \$200 million. We have to think about what will happen to all the communities in Hays County. He spoke of meeting with 10 Mayors this morning - San Marcos is concerned about economic development - Wimberley doesn't want to hear that - Dripping Springs has one of the most deadly roads in the country (SH290) and he is concerned about the safety of the citizens. We are trying to move our county into the future. He stated that he appreciates everyone that has appeared and their comments. He spoke of sometimes having to make decisions that are not always popular.

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CREATE A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE HAYS COUNTY 2025 MULTI-CORRIDOR PLAN AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

[T1-2610] Commissioner Burnett stated that he has taken to heart the comments made by the public. He spoke of it being logical to put together a plan that is representative of everyone of the community and all walks of life similar to our Infrastructure committee but independent and separate from that committee. The Blue Ribbon Committee will have 19 members appointed by the Commissioners' Court who shall be resident citizens of Hays County (each Commissioner will appoint 4 members, County Judge will appoint 3/one being the chair). He would like to see this committee to work in conjunction with our Parks Committee over the next six to nine

months and bring back recommendations to the Commissioners' Court. Need to look at all modes of transportation (commuter rail, etc.). Suggested interested people get a resume to their commissioner for appointment on that committee. Staff support will be provided by Environmental Health and the Road Dept. Commissioner Carter voiced her concern about County Judge having only 3 members. Commissioner Burnett spoke of need for an odd number of members and the Judge will make his selection at large and not by precinct. [T1-2726] A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to create a Blue Ribbon Committee to review the Hays County 2025 Multi-corridor Plan and make recommendations to the Commissioners' Court. All voting "Aye".

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TRANSPORTATION PLAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**



PURPOSE:

The Transportation Plan Blue Ribbon Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Hays County Commissioners' Court in all matters pertaining to the proposed Hays County 2025 Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan; and cooperates with county staff, community organizations, and other governmental entities and agencies in the advancement of a sound, long-range transportation plan for Hays County.

MEMERSHIP:

The Transportation Plan Blue Ribbon Committee is composed of nineteen members appointed by the Commissioners' Court who shall be resident citizens of Hays County. Each Commissioner shall have four appointments to the committee and the County Judge shall appoint three representatives, including one to serve as chair.

DUTIES:

- Study and evaluate the proposed Hays County 2025 Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan and make recommendations for modifications to the Commissioners' Court.
- Make recommendations to the Commissioners' Court for new transportation corridors in Hays County including all modes of transportation
- Make recommendations to the Commissioners' Court for new transportation studies in Hays County
- Review items referred to the Committee by the Commissioners' Court
- Work in coordination with the Parks Advisory Board

STAFF SUPPORT:

Hays County Engineer or County Road Superintendent, legal, and Environmental Health

TIME COMMITMENT:

Members of the committee shall meet the next nine months and bring back recommendations to the Commissioners' Court as needed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION OF HAYS COUNTY ROADS WITH PERCENTAGES THAT MATCH THE PERCENT OF COUNTY ROADS IN EACH PRECINCT

[T1-2790]

Commissioner Carter spoke of damage to a citizen's vehicle due to the condition of a county road. She spoke of need for an updated list of mileage of county roads by precinct. She spoke of her plan to bring Pct. 2 into line with other precincts in terms of getting our fair share of road reconstruction miles for the year 2000. Pct. 1 is suppose to get 7% of the miles (getting closer to 6%) Pct. #2 should be getting 25% of the miles (through October she is only getting 14.8%) Pct. 3 should get 29% of the miles (they are getting 31%) Pct. 4 should be 39% (getting 47.5%). She stated that it appears that Pct. 1 & Pct. 2 are getting less of our fair share of road reconstruction miles. She feels like this is a fair plan. Commissioner Burnett asked about the number of miles of road per precinct. The figures he has is Pct.1 = 46.30 miles [6%] * Pct.2 = 203.59 miles [26%] * Pct.3 = 211.80 miles [27%] * Pct.4 = 316.14 miles [41%] for a total of 777.83 miles in the county. Commissioner Carter spoke of having the most recent figures which she has received from the road department: Pct. 1 = 51.73 miles * Pct. 2 = 191.84 miles * Pct. 3 = 219.9 miles/29% * Pct. 4 = 301.62 miles/39% and she feels like these are the figures that should be used to start with. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of creation of unit road system in 1996 and breaking down the roads by priority and Pct. 3 got 27% from 1996-1999 * Pct. 2 got 31% from 1996-1999 {getting more than 25% up to this time} * Pct. 4 got 34%. He spoke of having 1/3 of the county roads with 40% of the total. It has been fair through the years and still will be fair in the year 2000. Commissioner Carter stated that you are looking at political roads that were done right before the election that brought up the figures in Pct. 2. To carry out the plan for 2000 - 2004 which gives Pct. 2 less than 25% (maybe 20%) will not face the challenge of the growth. Commissioner Burnett gave figures from 1996-1999 averaged out: Pct. 1 = 6.5% Pct. 2 = 25% Pct.3 - 27.5% Pct. 4= 41%. He stated that he is not willing to take money from Pct. 3 budget to make up for money in Pct. 2 when that precinct has been receiving more money than precinct 3 in the past. She spoke of almost no growth in the hill country area and roads are cheaper to build and to keep in shape. She does not feel that you can justify what you do from 2000-2004 on what you did in 1996-1999. She felt like a lot

of FEMA work was done in Pct 2 and road bond projects. Commissioner Burnett advised that if you look at the figures, we are doing exactly what she is recommending (broken down by percentage of miles per precinct). She spoke of need to address the growth. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of roads being a countywide deal and if we address it by precinct then the roads need to go back to the precinct commissioner and he needs 40% of the money 40% of the equipment and 40% of the manpower. He stated that Pct. 2 has been receiving 31% for 25% of the roads and Pct. 1 has received 8%. Judge Powers asked where the most growth is occurring out of incorporated areas. Allen Walther, Environmental Health Director, advised that he can develop those figures.

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[T1-3257] Helen Gallagher asked about figures provided today and she stated that when the Court continues to disregard her Precinct Commissioner it hurts her. She felt like every commissioner should get the same figures and she asked the court to be fair to everyone. Ernest Garcia, County Road Superintendent stated that the information was provided to Pct. 2. Commissioner Carter stated that she got those figures 2 weeks ago and she feels like they are wrong. [T1-3350] Lee Grote spoke of frustration with roads in Pct. 2, which are deplorable and in the 10 years he has lived here there has only been a couple of major upgrades (FM2770 & Kohlers Crossing). They want to get their fair share of road funds. [T1-3389] Jack Bauer spoke of good roads in the Crosshouse Subdivision. He moved there in 1985 and he has seen accelerated degradation of those subdivision roads due to neglect. Good roads and maintenance of roads is the only way we can economically have a road system in the county – if you don't maintain them you will spend more money over the long run than you should be. He spoke of Kohlers Crossing improvements that have been deteriorating. He supports spending more county funds for roads. [T1-3471] Tommie Poer spoke of home sales in Buda and she spoke of several roads that are in bad condition. The county roads around Buda are not in good shape and she would like a fair allocation of the county road funds. [T1-3530] Jim Camp asked that any inequity be addressed. He spoke of need for improvements to Bliss Spillar Road. Judge Powers spoke of need for work to be done regarding number of miles per precinct - he is in favor of equity - he does not feel like all the facts are here. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked if Pct. 2 is wanting 25% of the roads to be improved or 25% of the funding. Commissioner Carter is asking for a percentage of roads and not a percentage of money. She will not accept any new figures unless all the county roads are rode and measured. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Judge Powers (earlier in the discussion/for discussion purposes) to approve the reconstruction of Hays County roads with percentages that match the percent of county roads in each precinct. On completion of the discussion the following votes were cast: Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Ingalsbe voting "Aye". Commissioner Molenaar, Commissioner Burnett, and Judge Powers voting "No". A motion was made by Judge Powers to have Commissioner Carter, Ernest Garcia, Bill Herzog, and Allen Walther get together and deal with issues regarding miles of roads and present a plan to the court in two weeks. Commissioner Molenaar suggested a workshop that will be out in the open. Judge Powers withdrew his motion.

**Court Recessed at 5:45 p.m. on November 8, 1999 and
reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 1999.
All members of the court were present.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION
OF COUNTY ENGINEER**

The Court convened into closed meeting to review and consider applications for the position of county engineer. Upon completion of the closed session, the court reconvened into open meeting. No action was taken

18229 DREAM RANCH * FINAL PLAT APPROVAL [T2-67]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that this is a 3 lot subdivision with access on Rohde Road and he gave staff recommendation for approval of final plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve final plat of "Dream Ranch". All voting "Aye".

18230 COPPER HILLS LOT 26 * RELEASE A PORTION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT [T2-81]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that the property owner is requesting approval to release a portion of the drainage easement on Lot 26 of Copper Hills. The recorded easement was the same as the floodplain line on the old maps and new maps have moved that location and they want the drainage easement to be consistent with the current floodplain map. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve release of a portion of the drainage easement on Lot 26 of Copper Hills Subdivision. All voting "Aye".

18231 RUNNING ROPE ESTATES SECTION 1 * PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL [T2-95]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that this subdivison has been seen in the past as a 10 lot

subdivision and now has 20 lots. He complemented Mr. Vickers for overseeing the water availability report (he is not a hydro-geologist) and advised that the report was certified by a hydro-geologist. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve the preliminary plat of "Running Rope Estates Section 1". All voting "Aye".

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18232 DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PHASE II REPLAT TRACTS 1 & 2 * REVISED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL [T2-130]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that Commissioners' Court has approved a final plat but Dripping Springs wanted minor modifications made to it. Those changes have been made and a Revised Final Plat to ready for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve the Revised Final Plat of "Dripping Springs Ranch Phase II Tracts 1 & 2". All voting "Aye".

18233 MOONLIT MOUNTAIN * FINAL PLAT APPROVAL [T2-155]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that this is a three lot subdivision with two lots having a Shared Access Driveway. He gave staff recommendation for approval of final plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to approve final plat of "Moonlit Mountain". All voting "Aye".

Court was ADJOURN.

**MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE _____ DAY OF _____,
1999.**

JAMES L. POWERS, COUNTY JUDGE
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS

LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS

