



STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 31st DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2008, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

ELIZABETH "LIZ" SUMTER	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
JEFFERSON W. BARTON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
WILL CONLEY	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
KAREN FORD	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LINDA C. FRITSCH	COUNTY CLERK

THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Sumter called the meeting to order.

24940 DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TXDOT PROPOSED PASS-THROUGH FINANCE PACKAGE

Mike Weaver (Prime Strategies) gave an update regarding negotiation of the pass through finance agreement with TxDot. Bob Daigh (TxDot District Engineer) spoke of limited funding and safety issues that need to be addressed (i.e. US290 left turn lanes) and complete frontage road system for IH35 (create one-way frontage roads). Don Nyland spoke of US290 project to construct center turn lane and shoulders from Trautwein to Nutty Brown Road; IH35 - FM2001 overpass road; IH35 Phase 1 to construct frontage road and reverse ramps between CR210 to FM1626, restripe and sign for one way frontage roads from FM2001 to FM1626, construct Kyle Crossing, construct Kyle Crossing bridge, construct N-S Turn a Round Bridge at CR210, construct S-N Turn a Round Bridge at CR210, construct S-N Turn a Round Bridge at FM1626; and IH35 Phase 2 construct south bound frontage road and ramps from FM1626 to FM150, restripe and resign for one way frontage road from FM1626 to Yarrington Road, re-align FM150 from IH35 East Frontage Road to 0.5 miles east, and construct 3 lane rural section with 6' shoulders/120' right of way by city and county. Total estimated cost is \$66,641,520. Bob Daigh spoke of projects selected and projects that might be a consideration. Kyle City Manager Tom Mattis spoke of city/county partnership and need for safety improvements as quickly as possible. Commissioner Barton spoke of possible partnerships that might assist in funding shortfalls and he spoke of IH35 safety improvements. Kyle Mayor Mike Gonzales spoke of traffic congestion in the Kyle area and commitment by the City of Kyle to address the situation. Commissioner Conley spoke of moving quickly on some projects. Bob Daigh spoke of their being no mobility projects to be let after 2011 due to lack of funding – funding will only be available for maintenance. Discussion was had regarding RR12, SH21, and US290. Mike Weaver spoke. [T1-1227] Brad Hagen made public comment [T1-1353] Lila Knight made public comment. [T1-1450]

A motion was made by Judge Sumter, seconded by Commissioner Ford to allow Judge Sumter, Commissioner Barton and Mike Weaver to move forward with negotiating a financial package, as was presented this date, with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) and bring it back to the court for consideration. All voting "Aye". MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT'S APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, FINANCING OF COUNTY AND STATE HIGHWAYS IN HAYS COUNTY, AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD'S CHARGE, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD'S PROCEDURES TO ACCESS FUNDS (\$25,000) FOR PRIME STRATEGIES [T1-1611]

Commissioner Conley spoke of need for a fundable viable transportation plan for Hays County. Financial Advisory Dan Wegmiller advised that he will meet with Mike Weaver regarding financial aspects of the plan. Mr. Wegmiller spoke of timeline for various types of funding [CO's (Certificates of Obligation), GO's (General Obligation), and revenue bonds]. Commissioner Barton spoke of various funding options. [T1-2070] Commissioner Conley spoke of Bastrop County Comprehensive Plan and other entities transportation planning. Steve Klepfer, Transportation Advisory Board Chair, spoke of information and people currently involved in the process and need for experts/consultants. He spoke of going out for RFQ for consultants. Commissioner Conley spoke of need for city representatives to be involved in the process.

Pct. 3 – Commissioner Conley spoke of Ranch Road 12 (specifically from San Marcos to the Junction) and RM 2325 (from RR12 to Fischer Store Road) safety improvements that are needed.

Pct. 4 – Commissioner Ford spoke of state roads being major thoroughfares in the county and must be addressed. She spoke of need to address situation at intersection of Nutty Brown Road and Oak Branch Drive and she spoke of FM1626 safety issues (no shoulders, turn lanes, and varying width of lanes). Commissioner Ford spoke of cut-through on CR170/Elder Hill Road and Hilliard Road/Lime Kiln Road Sink Creek area. US290 and RM1826 are major state roads that are also a concern.

Pct. 1 – Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of no shoulders on SH21, CR150, and SH123. She spoke of McCarty Lane from CR266 to SH123. The Road Dept. will be putting symbols for bike lanes in the shoulders of Centerpoint Road. RPTP Director Jerry Borcharding advised that CR266 is very critical.



Pct. 2 – Commissioner Barton spoke of RM967 having a lot of new development and increased truck traffic. He would like a systemic review of all roads in the county. He feels like the court needs to narrow the focus for the transportation advisory board.

Commissioner Conley spoke of long term and short term planning. [T2-1] Ruben Garza spoke of being a member of the Transportation Advisory Board to address long term strategic planning. He suggested forming a bond committee to address immediate concerns. [T2-93] Gary Knight (member of Transportation Advisory Board) spoke of long term planning and confusion regarding their charge regarding pass through financing. He feels like the charge is inverted: #1 is immediate needs and #2 is long term planning – needs to be reversed. Commissioner Barton spoke of problems with having a bond election in May and suggested holding the election in November 2008. He spoke of issuing revenue bonds for portions of the projects presented by TxDot today. Discussion was had regarding holding a bond election in May or November. Steve Klepfer spoke of his view of why the previous bond election failed. Judge Sumter spoke of priorities with tax implications: expand the jail, new government center, and state roads. [T2-28] Lila Knight suggested a bond committee that works in conjunction with the transportation advisory board. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of court needing to come up with a list of roads in each area and prioritize them for a bond election. Discussion was had regarding polling citizens.

Court was adjourned.

I, LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners' Court on JANUARY 31, 2008.



**LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

