# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT APRIL 5TH, 2011 9:30 A.M.

The Commissioner's Court of Williamson County, Texas will meet in regular session in the Commissioner's Courtroom, 710 Main Street, in Georgetown, Texas to consider the following items:

- **1.** Review and approval of minutes.
- 2. Consider noting in minutes any off right-of-way work on any County road done by Road & Bridge Unified System.
- 3. Hear County Auditor concerning invoices, bills, Quick Check Report, and Wire Transfers submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the county.
- 4. Citizen comments. Except when public hearings are scheduled for later in the meeting, this will be the only opportunity for citizen input. The Court invites comments on any matter affecting the county, whether on the Agenda or not. Speakers should limit their comments to three minutes. Note that the members of the Court may not comment at the meeting about matters that are not on the agenda.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that the Court may act on with one single vote. The Judge or a Commissioner may pull any item from the consent agenda in order that the court discuss and act upon it individually as part of the Regular Agenda.

(Items 5-7)

- **5.** Discuses and Consider confirming the appointment of Michael Sean Stout as Deputy Constable for Precinct One.
- **6.** Consider authorizing the transfer of various equipment items through inter-office transfer, auction, donation, or destruction.
- 7. Consider closing Miller Falls Drive at the Enclave in Stone Canyon from Longdraw Drive to Persimmon Springs from 2:30p.m.-7:30p.m. on Sat. April 9th for a block party and consider loaning 10 cones and 4 barricades from URS.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.** Discuss and take appropriate action on the Public Safety Technology Program.

- Consider approving Addendum 1-A to existing agreement with Suddenlink Communications for internet bandwidth
- **10.** Discuss and take apprpriate action on road bond program.
- 11. Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Wilford C. Schneider individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust; John B. Schneider individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust; and Janis K. Johnson individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust regarding right-of-way needed on SH 195. (Parcel 109)
- **12.** Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with John B. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109A)
- **13.** Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Wilford C. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109B)
- **14.** Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Janis K. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109C)
- **15.** Discuss newly released County Health Rankings Data.
- **16.** Consider approving termination of Agreement dated effective 08-01-1997 between Williamson County EMS and Scott & White Health Plan regarding ambulance services.
- **17.** Consider approving Agreement to Extend Williamson County Professional Services Agreement for Dental Services at the Williamson County Jail.
- 18. Discuss and take appropriate action on Determination Letter for mitigation enrollment on 7220 and 7230 Wyoming Springs Drive in Round Rock (16.172 acres) for Prevariaon SL Round Rock LP.
- 19. Discuss and take appropriate action to reimburse Taylor ISD for Williamson County's portion of cost associated with the appraisal and survey for a potential land exchange between the two entities involving property located at the Williamson County Events Center in Taylor, Texas.
- **20.** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Texas legislative issues and bills that relate to county business.
- 21. Consider and take appropriate action on the following findings by the Williamson County Commissioners Court in relation to reimbursing Dan A. Gattis for attorneys fees and costs that he incurred, in his personal capacity, in defense of a removal suit filed by Jana Duty in Cause No. 10-1428-C26; The State of Texas ex rel. Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas vs. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Texas, In the 26th District Court, Williamson County, Texas (the "Removal Suit"):
  - (1) The interests of Williamson County were at stake in the Removal Suit as opposed to only Dan A. Gattis' personal interest being at stake in the Removal Suit;

(2) The Removal Suit filed by Jana Duty against Dan A. Gattis was unsuccessful as it was ultimately dismissed with prejudice by Order of Dismissal dated January 21, 2011; (3) Any and all actions actually taken by Judge Dan A. Gattis relating to the Removal Suit were undertaken while acting in good faith within the scope of his official duties; (4) Williamson County shall reimburse Dan A. Gattis for all attorneys fees and costs incurred by him in the Removal Suit in the total amount of \$12,860.50; and (5) Order No. 53 of the Regular Session of the Williamson County Commissioners Court held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 shall be replaced by the findings set forth herein.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

"The Commissioners Court for Williamson County reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices) and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)."

- 22. Discuss real estate matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.0721 Deliberation Regarding Real Estate Property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with third person.)
  - 1. Proposed or potential purchase of lease of property by the County:
  - a) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for SH 195 0.805 South of Bell County Line to IH 35.
  - b) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for O'Connor Boulevard and 620 project.
  - c) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase II project from FM 3405 to Reagan Blvd.
  - d) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase III and Phase IV.
  - e) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for proposed SH 29 Safety Improvement project.
  - f) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Lakeline extension.
  - g) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along SW By-Pass.
  - h) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Pearson and Neenah.
  - i) Discuss proposed Northwoods Road District.

- j) Discuss conveyance of University Boulevard right-of-way.
- k) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 79 Section 3 from East of Hutto to CR 402.
- I) Discuss proposed realignment project along FM 1660.
- m) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Pond Springs Road.
- n) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Chandler III A.
- o) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 183 Extension from 1,000 feet South of San Gabriel to 1,000 feet North of SH 29.
- 23. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.), including the following:
  - a) Litigation or claims or potential litigation or claims against the County or by the County.
  - b) Status Update-Pending Cases or Claims;
  - c) Attorney Grievance filed with the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas against Jana L. Duty-Hunsicker- Grievance File No. A0021113619;
  - d) Civil Action No. 1:10-CV-00693-LY; Robert James Henry v. City of Taylor et al.; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas;
  - e) Cause No. 06-453-C277; Kerry Heckman et al. v. Williamson County, et al., In the District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 277th Judicial District
  - f) Cause No. 10-1107-C368; Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas vs. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Lisa Birkman, Cynthia Long, Valerie Covey, and Ron Morrison County Commissioners, David Flores, County Auditor, and Ashlie Koenig, Budget Officer; In the District Court, Williamson County, Texas, 368th Judicial District.
  - g) Civil Action No. 1:10-CV-869-LY; Heather Clark, David Claxton & David M. Compton v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - h) Civil Action 1:10-CV-905; Kimberly Lee & Sharon McGuyer v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - i) Employment related matters.
  - j) Other confidential attorney-client matters, including contracts.
- 24. Discuss economic development issues (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Gov't Code Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding economic development project, to-wit Project Fan.)
- **25.** Discuss Homeland Security Air Sampling Program (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt Code Section 551.076 Deliberations regarding Security Devices).
- **26.** Discuss and take appropriate action on real estate.

- **27.** Discuss and take appropriate action on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters, including the following:
  - a) Litigation or claims or potential litigation or claims against the County or by the County.
  - b) Status Update-Pending Cases or Claims;
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- **28.** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding economic development issues.
- **29.** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Homeland Security Air Sampling Program.

| 30.     | Comments from Commissioners.                          |                                     |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
|         |   | Dan A. Gattis, County Judge         |
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County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at \_\_\_\_\_ and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

# Discuses and Consider confirming the appointment of Michael Sean Stout as Deputy Constable for Precinct One

# **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Robert Woodring, Constable Pct. #1

Submitted For: Robert Chody

Department: Constable Pct. #1

**Agenda Category: Consent** 

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Discuses and Consider confirming the appointment of Michael Sean Stout as Deputy Constable for Precinct One.

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

| From/To Acct No. Description | Amount | Sort Seq |
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#### **Attachments**

Link: New Deputy Pct 1

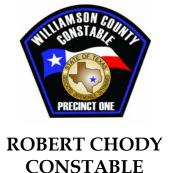
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Williamson County Precinct One Office (512) 244-8650



1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd. Round Rock, TX 78664 Fax (512)244-8662

March 26th 2011

To: Commissioners Court

Honorable Commissioners and County Judge,

We request the court to confirm the appointment of Sean Michael Stout as a Deputy Constable for Precinct One. Sean Stout has over 14 years experience in Law Enforcement, and eight of toughs years in Civil Enforcement. He is a current Williamson County Employee and we believe he will be a valuable addition to our office.

Thank you,

Robert Woodring, Chief Deputy

Effective: April 1, 2011

# **Weekly Asset Transfers Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Patrick Strittmatter, Purchasing

Submitted For: Patrick Strittmatter

Department: Purchasing Agenda Category: Consent

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider authorizing the transfer of various equipment items through inter-office transfer, auction, donation, or destruction.

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

| From/To | Acct No. | Description | Amount | Sort Seq |
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#### **Attachments**

Link: Asset Transfers

#### Form Routing/Status

Form Started By: Patrick Strittmatter

Started On: 03/30/2011 03:54

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Final Approval Date: 03/31/2011

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# **Williamson County**Asset Status Change Form

| Print Forr |  |
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| ○TRANS                                  | owing asset(s) is(are) considered for: (select one SFER bet ween county departments   | DESTRUCTION due to<br>Public Health / Safety                                       |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Asset L                                 | ist:  |  |  |
| Quantity                                | Description<br>(year, make, model, etc.)  | Manufacturer ID#<br>(serial, service tag, or VIN)                                  | County Tag# Condition of Asse<br>(Working, Non-<br>Working)    |
|   | See attached list   |  | ***************************************                        |
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| <u> </u>                                |   |  |  |
| *************************************** |   |  |  |
| Parties                                 | involved:   |  | 4  |
|   | ransferor Department): Auditor's Office   |  |  |
|   | or - Elected Official/Department Head/<br>zed Staff:  | Contact Person:  |  |
| Julie Kiley                             |   | Michelle McMinn  |  |
| Print Nar                               | lu M. Kiley   | Print Name<br>+1 (512) 943-1562  |  |
| Signatur                                | e D   | ate Phone Number   |  |
| <b>TO</b> (Trans                        | sferee Department/Auction/Trade-in/Donee): Auction  |  |  |
| Authoriz                                | ee - Elected Official/Department Head/<br>red Staff OR Donee - Representative: (If being<br>for Sale or Trade-in, no signature is necessary.) | Contact Person:  |  |
| Print Nan                               | me  | Print Name   |  |
| Signature                               | e Da  | Phone Number   |  |
| If the abo                              | ove asset(s) is (are) listed for sale at auction and no bids<br>list of the (these) asset(s) to be donated or disposed of                     | are made, the Purchasing Director may owill be sent to the Auditor's Office with a | dispose of or donate this (these date of donation or disposal. |
|   | Forward to Cou  | nty Auditor's Offic  | ce   |
| his Chan                                | ge Status was approved as agenda item# in Co  | ommissioner's Court on   |  |
|   | the asset(s) was(were) delivered to warehouse on  | h  | •••  |

| Qty | Description  | Serial Number            | County Tag |
|-----|--|--------------------------|------------|
| 1   | Dell Optiplex 740                                  | 14LK2F1                  | C01739     |
| 1   | Dell Optiplex 740                                  | FT67ZD1                  | C01715     |
| 1   | Dell Optiplex 740                                  | 831JFD1                  | C01642     |
| 1   | Dell Optiplex 740                                  | C3LK2F1                  | C01738     |
| 1   | Dell Optiplex 740                                  | G2LK2F1                  | C01737     |
| 1   | Dell Inspiron 8600 Laptop                          | JQRQV51                  | C00590     |
| 1   | BC Personal UPS Power Protection                   | 9333BY0BC423400837       |            |
| 2   | mice   |                          |            |
| 6   | keyboards  |                          |            |
| 3   | computer speakers                                  |                          |            |
| 2   | Dell computer monitors                             | CN-0Y4299-71618-488-BDJU |            |
|     |  | CN-0Y4299-71618-488-BDC4 |            |
| 1   | docking station                                    |                          |            |
| 1   | surge protector                                    |                          |            |
|     | miscellaneous cords                                |                          |            |
|     | small box of old computer manuals, discs and cords |                          |            |
| 2   | chairs   |                          |            |

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# **Williamson County**

Print Form

# Asset Status Change Form

| The following asset(s) is(are) considered for: (select one) |  |                        |  |  |
|---|--|------------------------|--|--|
| <ul> <li>TRANSFER bet ween county departments</li> </ul>    | ← TRADE-IN for new assets of similar type for the county | _ DESTRUCTION due to   |  |  |
| ← SALE at the earliest auction *                            | C DONATION to a non-county entity                        | Public Health / Safety |  |  |

#### **Asset List:**

Parties involved:

| Quantity | Description<br>(year, make, model, etc.) | Manufacturer ID#<br>(serial, service tag, or VIN) | County<br>Tag# | Condition of Assets<br>(Working, Non-<br>Working) |
|----------|--|---|----------------|---|
| 1        | Leather Duty Belt with accessories       | N/A   | N/A            | Working   |
| 1        | Leather / Nylon work boots               | 5.11  | N/A            | Working   |
| 1        | Nylon Jacket                             | 5.11  | N/A            | Working   |
| 1        | Ballistic vest sized to fit              | American Body Armor                               | N/A            | Working   |
| 2        | Name tag & "NAVY" Service pin            | N/A   | N/A            | Working   |

| <b>FROM</b> (Transferor Department): Constable Precinct ONI  | E .  |
|--|--|
| Transferor - Elected Official/Department Head/   |  |
| Authorized Staff:  | Contact Person:  |
| Robert Woodring  | Robert Woodring  |
| Print Name   | Print Name   |
| Tand   | 244-8650   |
| Signature  | Date Phone Number  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| <b>TO</b> (Transferee Department/Auction/Trade-in/Donee): <u>C</u>   | Constable Precinct Two   |
| Transferee - Elected Official/Department Head/   |  |
| Authorized Staff OR Donee - Representative: (If b  |  |
| approved for Sale or Trade-in, no signature is necessary.)   | Contact Person:  |
| Randolph Doyer   | Randolph Doyer   |
| Print Name   | Print Name   |
| Roughla Dely   | 260-4270 Phone Number  |
| Signature  | Date Phone Number  |
|  |  |
| * If the above asset(s) is (are) listed for sale at auction and asset(s). A list of the (these) asset(s) to be donated or disp | d no bids are made, the Purchasing Director may dispose of or donate this (these) cosed of will be sent to the Auditor's Office with a date of donation or disposal. |
| Forward to 0   | County Auditor's Office  |
| This Change Status was approved as agenda item #   | in Commissioner's Court on   |

If for Sale, the asset(s) was(were) delivered to warehouse on \_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

# Road Closure - Miller Falls Drive Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Mary Clark, Commissioner Pct. #1

Submitted For: Mary Clark

Department: Commissioner Pct. #1

Agenda Category: Consent

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider closing Miller Falls Drive at the Enclave in Stone Canyon from Longdraw Drive to Persimmon Springs from 2:30p.m.-7:30p.m. on Sat. April 9th for a block party and consider loaning 10 cones and 4 barricades from URS.

#### **Background**

This road closure was approved in court on March 29th for a block party on April 3rd, however there were complications with arrangements for the party so they would like to change the date of the party to Sat., April 9th. The Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County EMS and Sam Bass Fire Departments have been notified of the potential closure. They would like to borrow 10 cones and 4 barricades from URS. The party is in the Enclave in the Stone Canyon neighborhood. Contact information for the party and cone/barricade delivery is

Pat Beachy, (<a href="mailto:pkbeachy@austin.rr.com">pkbeachy@austin.rr.com</a>), 8107 Miller Falls Drive, Round Rock, TX (512) 246-7172. A map of the area is attached.

| Fiscal Impact    |             |        |          |  |  |
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Link: Miller Falls Drive

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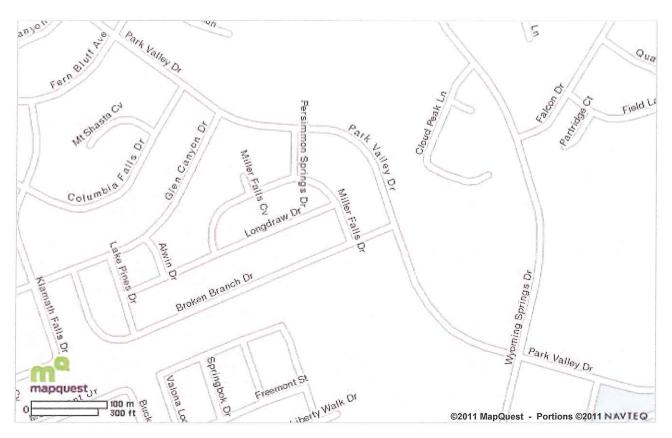
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#### Notes

Block party on Sat., April 9, 2011 on Miller Falls Dr. (Between Persimmons Springs and Longdraw)



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## **PSTP Update**

### **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Richard Semple, Information Technology Submitted By:

Richard Semple **Submitted For:** 

Information Technology **Department:** Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Discuss and take appropriate action on the Public Safety Technology Program.

#### **Background**

Richard Semple will update the Court on the current status of the PSTP.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

### No file(s) attached.

#### Form Routing/Status

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Final Approval Date: 03/31/2011

## **PSTP Internet Upgrade**

# **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Richard Semple, Information Technology

Submitted For: Richard Semple

Department: Information Technology
Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider approving Addendum 1-A to existing agreement with Suddenlink Communications for internet bandwidth

#### **Background**

This is planned modification to the County's internet connection dedicated to the PSTP. We have planned and budgeted for the increase to 10 Mbps before the go-live of CAD and mobile data systems.

| Fiscal Impact |          |             |        |          |  |
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#### **Attachments**

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# Addendum 1-A

#### Williamson County

- Dedicated Internet Bandwidth Upgrade
- Add 5 Mbps of Dedicated Internet to total 10 Mbps
- \$450/month additional cost to total \$1420/month

This addendum is a supplement to upgrade the existing dedicated Internet Bandwidth delivered via Fiber. This supplement will run concurrently with the original agreement that became effective on 6/11/2010 by and between Williamson County and Suddenlink Communications. This supplement will become part of original agreement signed and dated on 5/12/10.

|                     | 2/20/201        |  |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Customer Signature: | Date: 3/30/2011 |  |
|                     |                 |  |

# Schneider Possession and Use Agreement - SH 195 (P109) Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Charlie Crossfield, Road Bond

Submitted For: Charlie Crossfield

Department: Road Bond

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Wilford C. Schneider individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust; John B. Schneider individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust; and Janis K. Johnson individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust regarding right-of-way needed on SH 195. (Parcel 109)

#### **Background**

|         |          | Fiscal Impact |        |          |
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#### **Attachments**

Link: Schneider PUA SH 195 P109

#### Form Routing/Status

Form Started By: Charlie Crossfield

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#### POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

 STATE OF TEXAS
 §
 Project No.: SH195

 §
 Parcel No.: 109

 COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON
 §
 CSJ No.: 0440-02-0112

This agreement, effective the 29 day of , 2011, between the State of Texas, acting by and through Williamson County, Texas (the "State"), and WILFORD C. SCHNEIDER individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust; JOHN B. SCHNEIDER, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust; and JANIS K. JOHNSON, individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust (the "Grantor(s)"), grants an irrevocable right to possession and use to the State, its contractors, agents and all others deemed necessary by the State for the purpose of constructing a portion of Highway No. 195. The property involved is described more fully in field notes and plat map (attached as Exhibit "A") and made a part of this Agreement by reference (the "Property").

- 1. For the consideration paid by the State which is set forth in Paragraph two below, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Grantor(s) grant, bargain, sell and convey to the State of Texas exclusive possession and use of the Property for the purpose of constructing a highway and appurtenances thereto and the right to remove any improvements. This Possession and Use Agreement will extend to the State, its contractors, assigns and/or owners of any existing utilities on the Property and those which may be lawfully permitted on the Property by the State in the future. This grant will allow the construction, relocation, replacement, repair, improvement, operation and maintenance of these utilities on the Property.
- 2. In full consideration for this irrevocable grant of possession and use, the State will tender to the Grantor(s) the sum of FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FOUR and 00/100 Dollars (\$48,894.00). The Grantor(s) agrees that this sum represents adequate and full compensation for the possession and use of the Property. The State will be entitled to take possession and use of the Property upon tender of payment. The parties agree that the sum tendered represents 90 percent of the State's approved value. The approved value is the State's determination of the just compensation owed to the Grantor(s) for the full fee title interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages to the remainder, if any, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. The parties agree that this sum will be deducted from any final settlement amount, award or verdict. In the event the final award or verdict for the fee title is less than the amount the State has paid for the possession and use of the property, then the Grantors agree that the original amount tendered represents an overpayment and that the State is entitled to seek a refund.
- 3. The Grantor(s) warrants and represents that the title to the Property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and that proper releases will be executed for the Property prior to funds being disbursed under this agreement. Grantors further warrant that no other person or corporation owns an interest in the fee title to the Property.

The Grantor(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the State from all unreleased or undisclosed liens, claims or encumbrances affecting the Property.

- 4. This agreement is made with the understanding that the State will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Grantor(s) to acquire a fee interest in the Property by direct purchase. It is further understood in the event a settlement is not reached within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement, the State shall begin proceedings in eminent domain to acquire fee title to the Property. The State will not unreasonably delay the commencement of proceedings under eminent domain once the time provided for in this paragraph has expired.
- 5. The parties agree that the valuation date for determining the amount of just compensation for the fee title for the Property, for negotiation or eminent domain proceeding purposes, will be the date on which payment was tendered to the Grantor(s) pursuant to paragraph two above.
- 6. This grant will not prejudice Grantor's rights to receive full and just compensation for the fee title or any easement interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages, if any, to the remainder of Grantors' lands, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. This grant will not prejudice Grantor(s) rights to any relocation benefits for which they may be eligible.
- 7. In the event the State institutes eminent domain proceedings, the State will not be liable to Grantor(s) for interest upon any award or judgment as a result of such proceedings for any period of time prior to the date of the award. Payment of any interest may be deferred by the State until entry of judgment.
- 8. The purpose of this agreement is to allow the State to proceed with its construction project without delay and to allow the Grantor(s) to avoid litigation at this time.
- 9. Grantors reserve all of the oil, gas and sulphur in and under the land herein conveyed but waive all right of ingress and egress to the surface for the purpose of exploring, developing, mining or drilling. Nothing in this reservation will affect the title and rights of the State to take and use all other minerals and materials thereon, and thereunder. The extraction of oil, gas and minerals may not affect the geological stability of the surface.
- 10. The undersigned Grantor(s) agree(s) to pay all taxes, including prorated taxes for the current year, and special assessments due at the time the State takes possession of the Property.
- 11. This agreement will also extend to and bind the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties.
- 12. It is agreed the State will record this document
- 13. Other conditions: None.

To have and to hold the Agreement herein described and conveyed, together with all the rights and appurtenances belonging to the State of Texas and its assigns forever, for the purposes and subject to the limitations set forth above.

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE AND DAY OF March, 2011.                           |
| Grantors:  Wilford C. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust                        |
| John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust                                      |
| Janis K. Johnson, individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust                                       |
| ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH WILLIAMSON COUNTY, THIS THE DAY OF, 2011. |
| WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  |
| By: Dan A. Gattis, County Judge   |
| Dan A. Gams, County Judge   |

| <u>Acknowledgement</u>  |
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| State of Texas County of  |
| HOLLY Y, GUNTER My Commission Expires July 09, 2014  Notary Public's Signature  |
| <u>Acknowledgement</u>  |
| State of Texas County of  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on by John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein. |
| Notary Public's Signature   |
| <u>Acknowledgement</u>  |
| State of Texas County of  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on   |
| Notary Public's Signature   |
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State of Texas County of Williamson

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE DAY OF March, 2011.   |
| Grantors:   |
| Wilford C. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust    Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust   John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust |
| Janis K. Johnson, individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust   |
| ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH WILLIAMSON COUNTY, THIS THE DAY OF, 2011.   |
| WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  |
| By: Dan A. Gattis, County Judge   |

| State of Texas  County of  This instrument was acknowledged before me on by Wilford C. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein.    Notary Public's Signature |
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| State of Texas County of   |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on MARCH 22, 2011 by John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust in the capacity and for the purposes an consideration recited herein.   |
| by John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust/ in the capacity and for the purposes an consideration recited herein.   |
| MY COMMISSION EXPIRES January 30, 2012  Notary Public's Signature  |
| <u>Acknowledgement</u>   |
| State of Texas County of   |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on  |
| Notary Public's Signature  |
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State of Texas County of Williamson Page 3 of 5

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF March, 2011.

Grantors:

Wilford C. Schneider, individually and as
Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust

John B. Schneider, individually and as
Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust

Anis K. Johnson, individually and as
Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH WILLIAMSON COUNTY, THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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By:\_\_\_\_\_

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

| Acknowledgement   |
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| State of Texas County of  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me onby Wilford C. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the WCS Heritage Trust, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein. |
| Notary Public's Signature   |
| <u>Acknowledgement</u>  |
| State of Texas County of  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on by John B. Schneider, individually and as Trustee of the JBS Heritage Trust, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein.   |
| Notary Public's Signature   |
| <u>Acknowledgement</u>  |
| State of Texas County of Tray IS  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on   |
| DEBORA Y. STEPAN MY COMMISSION EXPIRES November 10, 2013  Debora My. Stepan Notary Public's Signature   |
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State of Texas County of Williamson

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| This instrument was acknowledged before me on                  |  |
| by Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge, in the capacity and | for the purposes and consideration recited herein. |
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County:

Williamson

Highway:

SH 195

Limits:

From 8.105 Miles South of S. H. 138 to I.H. 35

ROW CSJ:

0440-02-012

#### Legal Description Parcel 109

BEING a 0.733 acre (31,957 square feet) tract of land located in the Burrell Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 216, of Williamson County, Texas, said 0.733 acre tract of land is out of and a part of a 419.34 acre tract conveyed by Gladys Queen to Wilford E. Schneider and wife, Mary Schneider, by deed recorded August 4, 1970 in Volume 528, Page 590, of the Deed Records of Williamson County, Texas, said 0.733 acre tract of land is further described by metes and bounds as follows:

#### PART 1

COMMENCING at a 5/8 inch iron rod with a plastic yellow cap stamped "RODS SURVEYING, INC." set for the northwest corner of the above referenced 419,34 acre tract and for the southwest corner of another 419.34 acre tract of land conveyed by Gladys Queen to Gladys A. Garland and Hugh Clark Garland, III, et al, by deed recorded October 30, 1992 in Volume 2210, Page 672 of the Official Records of Williamson County, Texas, said point is located 5631.69 feet right of Proposed State Highway 195 (SH 195) Baseline Station 1621+02.60;

THENCE North 59° 47' 54" East with the common line of the two 419,34 acre tracts for a distance of 6303.46 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, said rod is located 120.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1648+66.47, from which a 5/8 inch iron rod with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) aluminum cap stamped "Witness" set bears South 59° 47' 54" West a distance of 300.00 feet;

- 1. THENCE North 59° 47′ 54" East continuing with said common line for a distance of 161.48 feet to a calculated point in the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the common corner of the said 419.34 acre tracts, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found for witness bears South 59° 47′ 55" West a distance of 0.44 feet;
- 2. THENCE South 59° 50' 49" East with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 34.52 feet to a calculated point for the north corner of a

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1.00 acre tract of land conveyed by Steven L. Prayter and wife, Ronda Prayter, to John Cahill and wife, Debra Cahill, by deed recorded August 16, 2000 as Document No. 2000054348 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found bears South 47° 11' 07" West a distance of 0.81 feet;

- .3. THENCE South 59° 47′ 54″ West with the northwest line of the said 1.00 acre tract for a distance of 161.47 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195, said rod is located 120.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1649+00.99;
- 4. THENCE North 59° 51' 45" West with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 34.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said described tract containing 0.111 acres (4,845 square feet) of land, more or less.

NOTE: All of the above described part lies completely in a 30 feet access easement conveyed to Heirs of R. S. Salyer and Irys Salyer by instrument recorded in Volume 824, Page 97, of the Deed Records of Williamson County, Texas. The referenced easement appears to be a private road, said road is known as Bonnet Lane.

#### PART 2

COMMENCING at a 1/2 inch iron rod with a plastic cap found for the south corner of a 11.17 acre tract conveyed by Wilford C. Schneider, et al to Wilford C. Schneider, by deed recorded May 10, 2010 as Document No. 2010030328 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, said 11.17 acre tract being previously conveyed out of the referenced 419.34 acre tract, said rod is located 516.32 feet right of Proposed State Highway 195 (SH 195) Baseline Station 1670+56.19;

THENCE North 30° 11' 59" East with the southeast line of the said 11.17 acre tract for a distance of 360.02 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, said rod is located 158.05 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1670+20.78;

- 1. THENCE North 30° 11' 59" East continuing with the southeast line of the said 11.17 acre tract for a distance of 210.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the east or northeast corner of the said 11.17 acre tract;
- 2. THENCE South 59° 50′ 49″ Bast with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 120.04 feet to a 1/2″ iron rod found for the north or northwest corner of a 12.54 acre tract of land conveyed by Wilford Schneider, et

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al, to Janis K. Johnson, by deed recorded May 10, 2010 in Document No. 20010030329, of said Official Public Records;

- 3. THENCE South 30° 12' 10" West with the west line of the said 12.54 acre tract for a distance of 240.91 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set on the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195, said rod is located 176.06 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1671+43.17;
- 4. THENCE North 45° 46' 53" West with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 123.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said described tract containing 0.622 acres (27,112 square feet) of land, more or less.

#### PARCEL SUMMARY

4.845 square feet = 0.111 acres Part I = Part 2 = 27.112 square feet = 0.622 acres Total = 31,957 square feet = 0.733 acres

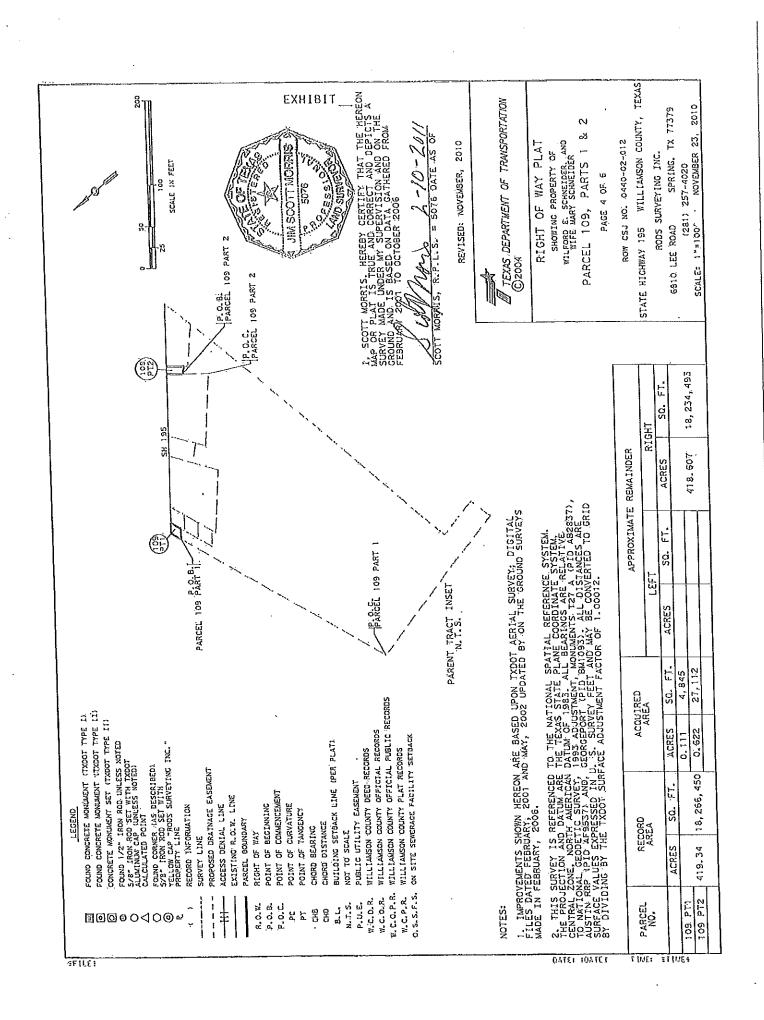
This survey is referenced to the National Spatial Reference System. The projection and datum are the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, North American Datum of 1983. All bearings are relative to National Geodetic Survey, 1993 Adjustment, monuments T27 A (PID AB2837), Austin RRP (PID AF9537) and, Georgeport (PID BM1093). All distances are surface values expressed in U. S. Survey feet and may be converted to grid by dividing by the TxDOT surface adjustment factor of 1.00012.

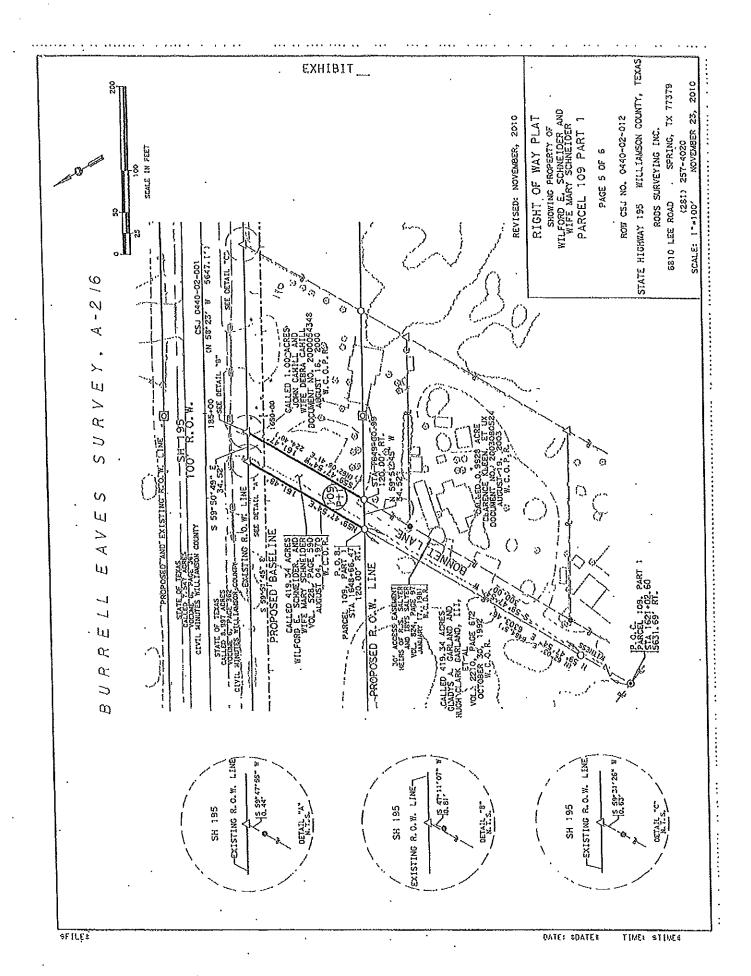
This description was prepared in conjunction with, and is accompanied by a plat of an even date herewith.

Surveyed by: RODS Surveying, Inc. 6810 Lee Road, Spring Texas 77379 Phone (281) 379-6388

I, Scott Morris, hereby certify that the above description is true and correct and depicts a survey made under my supervision and on the ground and is based on data gathered from February 2001 to October 2006.

Scott Morris, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5076 Date as of: 2-10 -2011





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# Schneider Possession and Use Agreement - SH 195 (P109A) Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Charlie Crossfield, Road Bond

Submitted For: Charlie Crossfield

Department: Road Bond

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with John B. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109A)

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

Link: Schneider PUA SH 195 P109A

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Final Approval Date: 03/31/2011



#### POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

| STATE OF TEXAS       | § | Project No.: SH195    |
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|                      | § | Parcel No.: 109A      |
| COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON | § | CSJ No.: 0440-02-0112 |

This agreement, effective the <u>29</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2011, between the State of Texas, acting by and through Williamson County, Texas (the "State"), and JOHN B. SCHNEIDER, Trustee, (the "Grantor(s)"), grants an irrevocable right to possession and use to the State, its contractors, agents and all others deemed necessary by the State for the purpose of constructing a portion of Highway No. 195. The property involved is described more fully in field notes and plat map (attached as Exhibit "A") and made a part of this Agreement by reference (the "Property").

- 1. For the consideration paid by the State which is set forth in Paragraph two below, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Grantor(s) grant, bargain, sell and convey to the State of Texas exclusive possession and use of the Property for the purpose of constructing a highway and appurtenances thereto and the right to remove any improvements. This Possession and Use Agreement will extend to the State, its contractors, assigns and/or owners of any existing utilities on the Property and those which may be lawfully permitted on the Property by the State in the future. This grant will allow the construction, relocation, replacement, repair, improvement, operation and maintenance of these utilities on the Property.
- 2. In full consideration for this irrevocable grant of possession and use, the State will tender to the Grantor(s) the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINE and 00/100 Dollars (\$140,509.00). The Grantor(s) agrees that this sum represents adequate and full compensation for the possession and use of the Property. The State will be entitled to take possession and use of the Property upon tender of payment. The parties agree that the sum tendered represents 90 percent of the State's approved value. The approved value is the State's determination of the just compensation owed to the Grantor(s) for the full fee title interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages to the remainder, if any, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. The parties agree that this sum will be deducted from any final settlement amount, award or verdict. In the event the final award or verdict for the fee title is less than the amount the State has paid for the possession and use of the property, then the Grantors agree that the original amount tendered represents an overpayment and that the State is entitled to seek a refund.
- 3. The Grantor(s) warrants and represents that the title to the Property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and that proper releases will be executed for the Property prior to funds being disbursed under this agreement. Grantors further warrant that no other person or corporation owns an interest in the fee title to the Property.

The Grantor(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the State from all unreleased or undisclosed liens, claims or encumbrances affecting the Property.

- 4. This agreement is made with the understanding that the State will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Grantor(s) to acquire a fee interest in the Property by direct purchase. It is further understood in the event a settlement is not reached within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement, the State shall begin proceedings in eminent domain to acquire fee title to the Property. The State will not unreasonably delay the commencement of proceedings under eminent domain once the time provided for in this paragraph has expired.
- 5. The parties agree that the valuation date for determining the amount of just compensation for the fee title for the Property, for negotiation or eminent domain proceeding purposes, will be the date on which payment was tendered to the Grantor(s) pursuant to paragraph two above.
- 6. This grant will not prejudice Grantor's rights to receive full and just compensation for the fee title or any easement interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages, if any, to the remainder of Grantors' lands, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. This grant will not prejudice Grantor(s) rights to any relocation benefits for which they may be eligible.
- 7. In the event the State institutes eminent domain proceedings, the State will not be liable to Grantor(s) for interest upon any award or judgment as a result of such proceedings for any period of time prior to the date of the award. Payment of any interest may be deferred by the State until entry of judgment.
- 8. The purpose of this agreement is to allow the State to proceed with its construction project without delay and to allow the Grantor(s) to avoid litigation at this time.
- 9. Grantors reserve all of the oil, gas and sulphur in and under the land herein conveyed but waive all right of ingress and egress to the surface for the purpose of exploring, developing, mining or drilling. Nothing in this reservation will affect the title and rights of the State to take and use all other minerals and materials thereon, and thereunder. The extraction of oil, gas and minerals may not affect the geological stability of the surface.
- 10. The undersigned Grantor(s) agree(s) to pay all taxes, including prorated taxes for the current year, and special assessments due at the time the State takes possession of the Property.
- 11. This agreement will also extend to and bind the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties.
- 12. It is agreed the State will record this document
- 13. Other conditions: None.

To have and to hold the Agreement herein described and conveyed, together with all the rights and appurtenances belonging to the State of Texas and its assigns forever, for the purposes and subject to the limitations set forth above.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE ZZ DAY OF March, 2011.

| Grantors:<br>John B. Sylmerdy                         |  |     |         |
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| John B. Schneider, Trustee                            |  |     |         |
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| WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS                              |  |     |         |
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| By:   |  |     |         |
| Dan A. Gattis, County Judge                           |  |     |         |

After recording return to:

| Acknowledgeme  | <u>ent</u>                      |
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| State of Texas. County of FAYETTE                                      |                                 |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on                          | 22, 2011                        |
| by John B. Schneider, Trustee, in the capacity and for the purposes an | d consideration recited herein. |
| GERRIE SEGER MY COMMISSION EXPIRES January 30, 2012                    | Notary Public's Signature       |
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| State of Texas County of Williamson                                    |                                 |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on                          |                                 |
| by Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge, in the capacity and for     |                                 |
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County:

Williamson

Highway:

SH 195

Limits:

From 8.105 Miles South of S. H. 138 to I.H. 35

ROW CSJ:

0440-02-012

#### Legal Description Parcel 109 A

BEING a 2.108 acre (91,836 square feet) tract of land located in the Burrell Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 216, of Williamson County, Texas, said 2.108 acre tract of land is out of and a part of a 10.22 acre tract conveyed by Wilford C. Schneider, et al to John B. Schneider, by deed recorded May 10, 2010 as Document No. 2010030327 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, said 2.108 acre tract of land is further described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 5/8 inch iron rod with a plastic yellow cap stamped "RODS SURVEYING, INC." set for the most southerly corner of the 1.00 acre tract of land conveyed by Steven L. Prayter and wife, Ronda Prayter, to John Cahill and wife, Debra Cahill, by deed recorded August 16, 2000 as Document No. 2000054348 of said Official Public Records, said 1.00 acre tract being previously conveyed out of the referenced 419.34 acre tract and said point is located 175.04 feet right of Proposed State Highway 195 (SH 195) Baseline Station 1650+93.19;

THENCE North 59° 31' 26" East with the southeast line of the said 1.00 acre tract for a distance of 62.66 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, said rod is located 120.44 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1651+24.02;

- 1. THENCE North 59° 31' 26" East continuing with the southeast line of the said 1.00 acre tract for a distance of 161.47 feet to a calculated point on the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the east corner of the said 1.00 acre tract, from which a found 1/2 inch iron rod found bears South 59° 31' 26" West a distance of 0.63 feet;
- 2. THENCE South 59° 50′ 49″ East with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 626.36 feet to a calculated point for the north corner of a 1.00 acre tract of land conveyed by Wilford Schneider and wife, Mary Lois Schneider, to Janis Johnson and Richard W. Johnson, by deed recorded May 30,

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2003 in Document No. 2003049663, of said Official Public Records, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found bears South 44° 56' 18" West a distance of 0.32 feet;

- 3. THENCE South 44° 56' 18" West with the west line of the said 1.00 acre tract for a distance of 147.82 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set on the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195, said rod is located 122.84 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1657+91.77;
- 4. THENCE North 59° 39' 26" West with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 667.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said described tract containing 2.108 acres (91,836 square feet) of land, more or less.

This survey is referenced to the National Spatial Reference System. The projection and datum are the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, North American Datum of 1983. All bearings are relative to National Geodetic Survey, 1993 Adjustment, monuments T27 A (PID AB2837), Austin RRP (PID AF9537) and, Georgeport (PID BM1093). All distances are surface values expressed in U. S. Survey feet and may be converted to grid by dividing by the TxDOT surface adjustment factor of 1.00012.

This description was prepared in conjunction with, and is accompanied by a plat of an even date herewith.

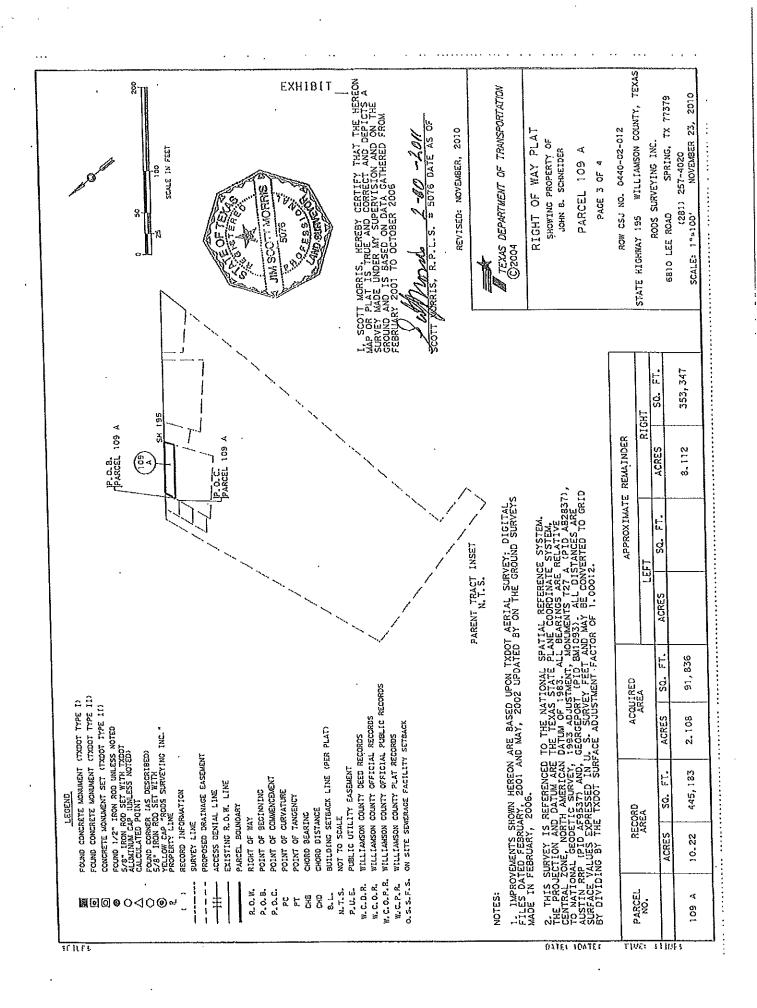
Surveyed by: RODS Surveying, Inc. 6810 Lee Road, Spring Texas 77379 Phone (281) 379-6388

I, Scott Morris, hereby certify that the above description is true and correct and depicts a survey made under my supervision and on the ground and is based on data gathered from February 2001 to October 2006.

Scott Morris, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5076

Date as of: 2 -10 -20//





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# Schneider Possession and Use Agreement - SH 195 (P109B) Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Charlie Crossfield, Road Bond

Submitted For: Charlie Crossfield

Department: Road Bond

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Wilford C. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109B)

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

 STATE OF TEXAS
 §
 Project No.: SH195

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 Parcel No.: 109B

 COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON
 §
 CSJ No.: 0440-02-0112

This agreement, effective the <u>48</u> day of <u>MARC</u>, 2011, between the State of Texas, acting by and through Williamson County, Texas (the "State"), and WILFORD C. SCHNEIDER, Trustee, (the "Grantor(s)"), grants an irrevocable right to possession and use to the State, its contractors, agents and all others deemed necessary by the State for the purpose of constructing a portion of Highway No. 195. The property involved is described more fully in field notes and plat map (attached as Exhibit "A") and made a part of this Agreement by reference (the "Property").

- 1. For the consideration paid by the State which is set forth in Paragraph two below, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Grantor(s) grant, bargain, sell and convey to the State of Texas exclusive possession and use of the Property for the purpose of constructing a highway and appurtenances thereto and the right to remove any improvements. This Possession and Use Agreement will extend to the State, its contractors, assigns and/or owners of any existing utilities on the Property and those which may be lawfully permitted on the Property by the State in the future. This grant will allow the construction, relocation, replacement, repair, improvement, operation and maintenance of these utilities on the Property.
- 2. In full consideration for this irrevocable grant of possession and use, the State will tender to the Grantor(s) the sum of TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE and 00/100 Dollars (\$210,989.00). The Grantor(s) agrees that this sum represents adequate and full compensation for the possession and use of the Property. The State will be entitled to take possession and use of the Property upon tender of payment. The parties agree that the sum tendered represents 90 percent of the State's approved value. The approved value is the State's determination of the just compensation owed to the Grantor(s) for the full fee title interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages to the remainder, if any, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. The parties agree that this sum will be deducted from any final settlement amount, award or verdict. In the event the final award or verdict for the fee title is less than the amount the State has paid for the possession and use of the property, then the Grantors agree that the original amount tendered represents an overpayment and that the State is entitled to seek a refund.
- 3. The Grantor(s) warrants and represents that the title to the Property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and that proper releases will be executed for the Property prior to funds being disbursed under this agreement. Grantors further warrant that no other person or corporation owns an interest in the fee title to the Property.

The Grantor(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the State from all unreleased or undisclosed liens, claims or encumbrances affecting the Property.

- 4. This agreement is made with the understanding that the State will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Grantor(s) to acquire a fee interest in the Property by direct purchase. It is further understood in the event a settlement is not reached within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement, the State shall begin proceedings in eminent domain to acquire fee title to the Property. The State will not unreasonably delay the commencement of proceedings under eminent domain once the time provided for in this paragraph has expired.
- 5. The parties agree that the valuation date for determining the amount of just compensation for the fee title for the Property, for negotiation or eminent domain proceeding purposes, will be the date on which payment was tendered to the Grantor(s) pursuant to paragraph two above.
- 6. This grant will not prejudice Grantor's rights to receive full and just compensation for the fee title or any easement interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages, if any, to the remainder of Grantors' lands, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. This grant will not prejudice Grantor(s) rights to any relocation benefits for which they may be eligible.
- 7. In the event the State institutes eminent domain proceedings, the State will not be liable to Grantor(s) for interest upon any award or judgment as a result of such proceedings for any period of time prior to the date of the award. Payment of any interest may be deferred by the State until entry of judgment.
- 8. The purpose of this agreement is to allow the State to proceed with its construction project without delay and to allow the Grantor(s) to avoid litigation at this time.
- 9. Grantors reserve all of the oil, gas and sulphur in and under the land herein conveyed but waive all right of ingress and egress to the surface for the purpose of exploring, developing, mining or drilling. Nothing in this reservation will affect the title and rights of the State to take and use all other minerals and materials thereon, and thereunder. The extraction of oil, gas and minerals may not affect the geological stability of the surface.
- 10. The undersigned Grantor(s) agree(s) to pay all taxes, including prorated taxes for the current year, and special assessments due at the time the State takes possession of the Property.
- 11. This agreement will also extend to and bind the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties.
- 12. It is agreed the State will record this document
- 13. Other conditions: None.

To have and to hold the Agreement herein described and conveyed, together with all the rights and appurtenances belonging to the State of Texas and its assigns forever, for the purposes and subject to the limitations set forth above.

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| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE DAY OF March, 2011.                               |
| Wilford C. Schneider, Trustee   |
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| ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH WILLIAMSON COUNTY, THIS THE DAY OF, 2011. |
| WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  |
| By:   |
| Dan A. Gattis, County Judge   |

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|  | HOLLY Y. GUNTER My Commission Expires July 09, 2014  Motary Public's Signature   |
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| State of Texas<br>County of Williamson |  |
|  | amson County Judge, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein.                                   |
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## EXHIBIT

County:

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Highway:

SH 195

Limits:

From 8.105 Miles South of S. H. 138 to I.H. 35

ROW CSJ:

0440-02-012

#### Legal Description Parcel 109 B

BEING a 3.166 acre (137,901 square feet) tract of land located in the Burrell Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 216, of Williamson County, Texas, said 3.166 acre tract of land is out of and a part of a 11.17 acre tract conveyed by Wilford C. Schneider, et al to Wilford C. Schneider, by deed recorded May 10, 2010 as Document No. 2010030328 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, said 3.166 acre tract of land is further described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 1/2 inch iron rod with a plastic cap found for the south corner of the above referenced 11.17 acre tract, said rod is located 516.32 feet right of Proposed State Highway 195 (SH 195) Baseline Station 1670+56.19;

THENCE North 30° 11' 59" East with the southeast line of the said 11.17 acre tract for a distance of 360.02 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, said rod is located 158.05 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1670+20.78;

- 1. THENCE North 45° 46′ 53° West, with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 55.22 feet to a TxDOT Type II concrete monument set for an angle point, said monument is located 150.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1669+66.15;
- 2. THENCE North 54° 26' 29" West continuing with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance 557.23 feet to a TxDOT Type II concrete monument set for angle point, said monument is located 125.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1663+95.55;
- 3. THENCE North 59° 39' 26" West continuing with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 240.31 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the southeast line of a 2.24 acre tract conveyed by Wilford Schneider and wife, Mary Lois Schneider, to Janis Johnson and Richard

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W. Johnson, by deed recorded September 20, 1982 in Volume 889, Page 756, of the Deed Records of Williamson County, Texas, said rod is located 124.14 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1661+55.24;

- 4. THENCE North 44° 56' 38" East with the southeast line of the 2.24 acre tract for a distance of 149.07 feet to a calculated point in the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found bears South 44° 56' 38" West a distance of 0.28 feet;
- 5. THENCE South 59° 50' 49" East with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 810.74 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a plastic cap found for the north or northeast corner of said 11.17 acre tract;
- 6. THENCE South 30° 11' 59" West, with the southeast line of said 11.17 acre tract for a distance of 210.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said described tract containing 3.166 acres or (137,901 square feet) of land, more or less.

This survey is referenced to the National Spatial Reference System. The projection and datum are the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, North American Datum of 1983. All bearings are relative to National Geodetic Survey, 1993 Adjustment, monuments T27 A (PID AB2837), Austin RRP (PID AF9537) and, Georgeport (PID BM1093). All distances are surface values expressed in U. S. Survey feet and may be converted to grid by dividing by the TxDOT surface adjustment factor of 1.00012.

This description was prepared in conjunction with, and is accompanied by a plat of an even date herewith.

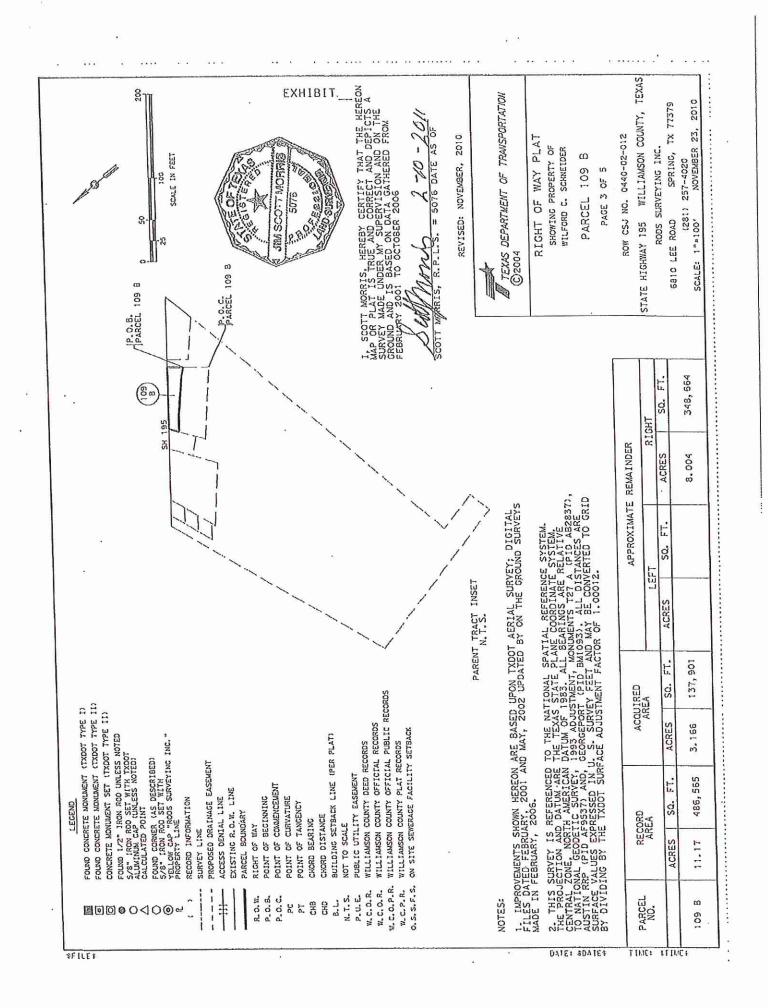
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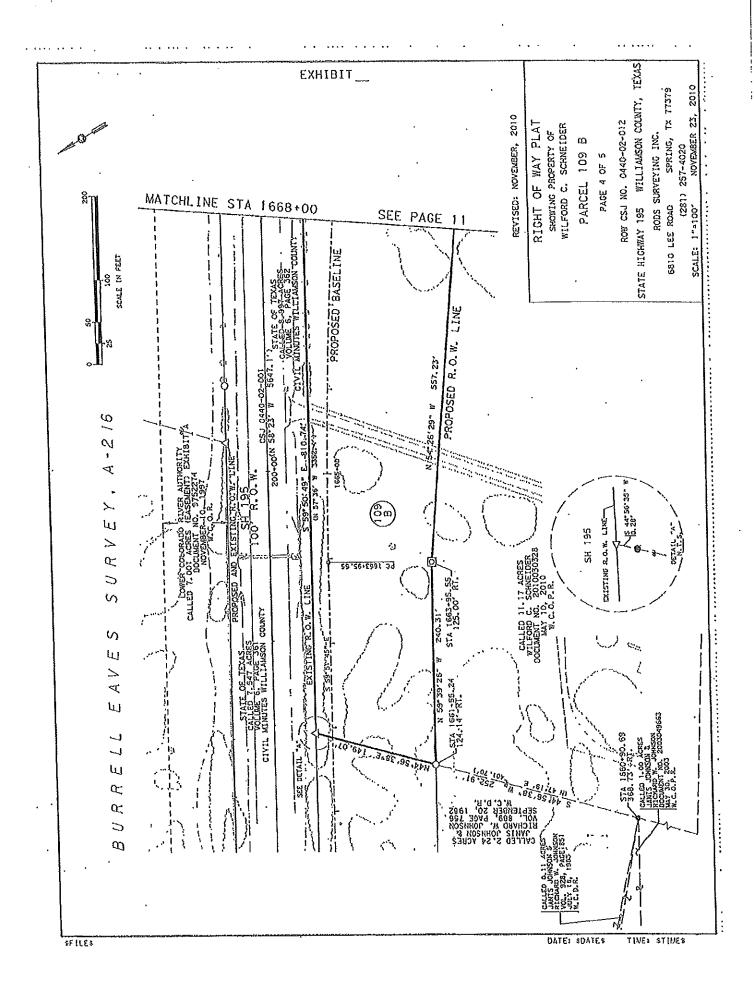
I, Scott Morris, hereby certify that the above description is true and correct and depicts a survey made under my supervision and on the ground and is based on data gathered from February 2001 to October 2006.

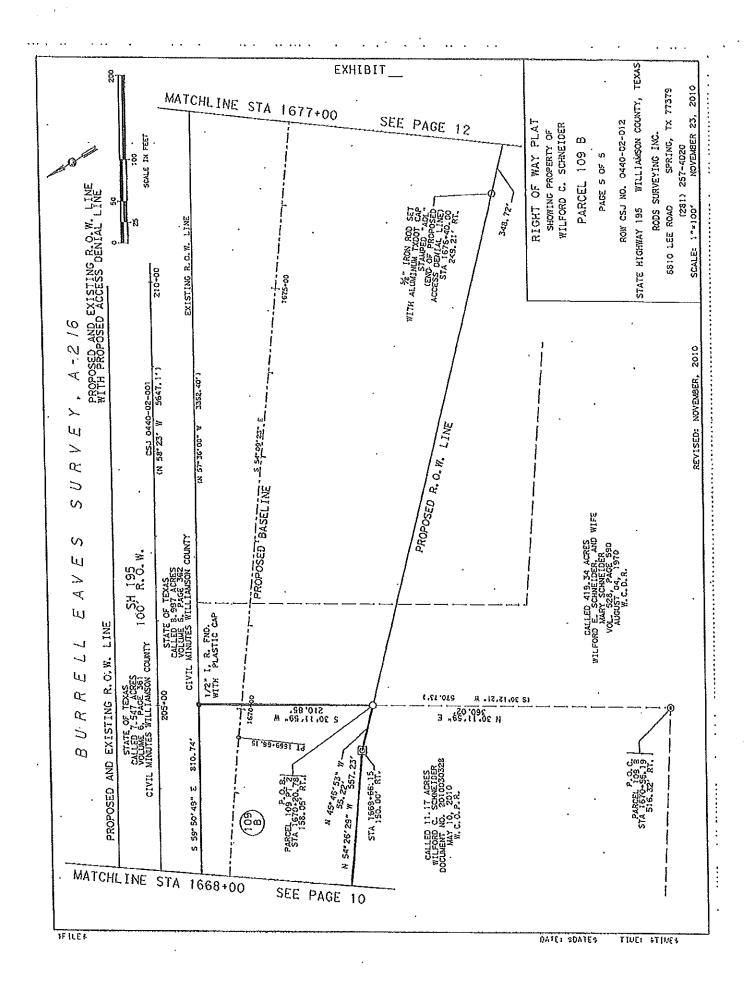
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#### Schneider Possession and Use Agreement - SH 195 (P109C) Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Charlie Crossfield, Road Bond

Submitted For: Charlie Crossfield

Department: Road Bond

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider authorizing County Judge to execute a Possession and Use Agreement with Janis K. Schneider, Trustee, for right-of-way on SH 195. (Parcel 109C)

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

| STATE OF TEXAS       | § | Project No.: SH195    |
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|                      | § | Parcel No.: 109C      |
| COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON | § | CSJ No.: 0440-02-0112 |

This agreement, effective the 29 h day of Mark., 2011, between the State of Texas, acting by and through Williamson County, Texas (the "State"), and JANIS K. JOHNSON, Trustee, grants an irrevocable right to possession and use to the State, its contractors, agents and all others deemed necessary by the State for the purpose of constructing a portion of Highway No. 195. The property involved is described more fully in field notes and plat map (attached as Exhibit "A") and made a part of this Agreement by reference (the "Property").

- 1. For the consideration paid by the State which is set forth in Paragraph two below, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Grantor(s) grant, bargain, sell and convey to the State of Texas exclusive possession and use of the Property for the purpose of constructing a highway and appurtenances thereto and the right to remove any improvements. This Possession and Use Agreement will extend to the State, its contractors, assigns and/or owners of any existing utilities on the Property and those which may be lawfully permitted on the Property by the State in the future. This grant will allow the construction, relocation, replacement, repair, improvement, operation and maintenance of these utilities on the Property.
- 2. In full consideration for this irrevocable grant of possession and use, the State will tender to the Grantor(s) the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT and 00/100 Dollars (\$721,358.00). The Grantor(s) agrees that this sum represents adequate and full compensation for the possession and use of the Property. The State will be entitled to take possession and use of the Property upon tender of payment. The parties agree that the sum tendered represents 90 percent of the State's approved value. The approved value is the State's determination of the just compensation owed to the Grantor(s) for the full fee title interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages to the remainder, if any, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. The parties agree that this sum will be deducted from any final settlement amount, award or verdict. In the event the final award or verdict for the fee title is less than the amount the State has paid for the possession and use of the property, then the Grantors agree that the original amount tendered represents an overpayment and that the State is entitled to seek a refund.
- 3. The Grantor(s) warrants and represents that the title to the Property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and that proper releases will be executed for the Property prior to funds being disbursed under this agreement. Grantors further warrant that no other person or corporation owns an interest in the fee title to the Property.

The Grantor(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the State from all unreleased or undisclosed liens, claims or encumbrances affecting the Property.

- 4. This agreement is made with the understanding that the State will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Grantor(s) to acquire a fee interest in the Property by direct purchase. It is further understood in the event a settlement is not reached within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this agreement, the State shall begin proceedings in eminent domain to acquire fee title to the Property. The State will not unreasonably delay the commencement of proceedings under eminent domain once the time provided for in this paragraph has expired.
- 5. The parties agree that the valuation date for determining the amount of just compensation for the fee title for the Property, for negotiation or eminent domain proceeding purposes, will be the date on which payment was tendered to the Grantor(s) pursuant to paragraph two above.
- 6. This grant will not prejudice Grantor's rights to receive full and just compensation for the fee title or any easement interest to be acquired by the State in the Property, encumbered with the improvements thereon, if any, and damages, if any, to the remainder of Grantors' lands, save and except all oil, gas and sulphur. This grant will not prejudice Grantor(s) rights to any relocation benefits for which they may be eligible.
- 7. In the event the State institutes eminent domain proceedings, the State will not be liable to Grantor(s) for interest upon any award or judgment as a result of such proceedings for any period of time prior to the date of the award. Payment of any interest may be deferred by the State until entry of judgment.
- 8. The purpose of this agreement is to allow the State to proceed with its construction project without delay and to allow the Grantor(s) to avoid litigation at this time.
- 9. Grantors reserve all of the oil, gas and sulphur in and under the land herein conveyed but waive all right of ingress and egress to the surface for the purpose of exploring, developing, mining or drilling. Nothing in this reservation will affect the title and rights of the State to take and use all other minerals and materials thereon, and thereunder. The extraction of oil, gas and minerals may not affect the geological stability of the surface.
- 10. The undersigned Grantor(s) agree(s) to pay all taxes, including prorated taxes for the current year, and special assessments due at the time the State takes possession of the Property.
- 11. This agreement will also extend to and bind the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties.
- 12. It is agreed the State will record this document
- 13. Other conditions: None.

To have and to hold the Agreement herein described and conveyed, together with all the rights and appurtenances belonging to the State of Texas and its assigns forever, for the purposes and subject to the limitations set forth above.

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|   | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS INSTRUMENT IS EXECUTED ON THIS THE <b>29</b> DAY OF March, 2011.                     |
| / | Grantors:  Janis K. Johnson, Trustee  Janis K. Johnson, Trustee   |
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|   | ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH WILLIAMSON COUNTY, THIS THE DAY OF, 2011. |
|   | WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS  |

| Acknowledgement   |  |  |  |  |
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| State of Texas County of Tray is  |  |  |  |  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on March at 2011   |  |  |  |  |
| byJanis K. Johnson, Trustee, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein.               |  |  |  |  |
| DEBORA Y. STEPAN MY COMMISSION EXPIRES November 10, 2013  Debora J. Stepan Notary Public's Signature              |  |  |  |  |
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| State of Texas  |  |  |  |  |
| County of Williamson  |  |  |  |  |
| This instrument was acknowledged before me on   |  |  |  |  |
| by Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge, in the capacity and for the purposes and consideration recited herein. |  |  |  |  |
| Notary Public's Signature   |  |  |  |  |
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## EXHIBIT $\triangle$

County:

Williamson

Highway:

SH 195

Limits:

From 8.105 Miles South of S. H. 138 to I.H. 35,

ROW CSJ:

0440-02-012

#### Legal Description Parcel 109 C

BEING a 10.824 acre (471,476 square feet) tract of land located in the Burrell Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 216, of Williamson County, Texas, said 10.824 acre tract of land is out of and a part of a 12.54 acre tract conveyed by Wilford C. Schneider, et al to Janis K. Johnson individually and as Trustee of the JKJ Heritage Trust, by deed recorded May 10, 2010 as Document No. 2010030329 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, said 10.824 acre tract of land is further described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 1/2" inch iron rod with a plastic yellow cap found for the south corner of the above referenced 12.54 acre tract, said point is located 311.23 feet right of Proposed State Highway 195 (SH 195) Baseline Station 1681+96.04;

THENCE North 68° 46' 25" East with the southeast line of the said 12.54 acre tract and the northwest line of an 11.01 acre tract of land conveyed by Talmadge Edwin Brannen and Betty M. Brannen to Brannen Family Trust by deed recorded June 8, 2001 as Document No. 2001040681 of the Official Records of Williamson County, Texas, for a distance of 13.38 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with TxDOT aluminum cap set in the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract, said rod is located 300.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1682+03.32;

- 1. THENCE North 54° 09' 23" West with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195, at 103.32 feet pass a 5/8" iron rod set with a TxDOT aluminum cap stamped "ADL" for the beginning of a proposed ACCESS DENIAL LINE, then continue on the same bearing with proposed ACESS DENIAL LINE and proposed southwest right of way line for 115.00 feet in all a distance of 218.32 feet to a TxDOT Type II concrete monument set for an angle point, said monument is located 300.00 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1679+85.00;
- THENCE North 45° 46' 53" West continuing with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 and ACCESS DENIAL LINE, for a distance of 348.72 feet to

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a 5/8" iron rod set with a TxDOT aluminum cap stamped "ADL" for the ending of said ACESS DENIAL LINE, said rod is located 249.21 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1676+40.00;

- 3. THENCE North 45° 46' 53" West continuing with the proposed southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 502.19 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with an aluminum cap set in the west line of said 12.54 acre tract, said rod is located 176.06 feet right of Proposed SH 195 Baseline Station 1671+43.17;
- 4. THENCE North 30° 12′ 10″ East with the west or northwest line of said 12.54 acre tract for a distance of 240.91 feet to a 1/2″ iron rod with a plastic cap found in the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195;
- 5. THENCE South 59° 50' 49" East with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 for a distance of 1173.72 feet to a calculated point of curvature, from which a TxDOT Type I concrete monument found bears North 50° 37' 04" West a distance of 0.67 feet;
- 6. THENCE continuing with the existing southwest right of way line of SH 195 in a southeasterly direction and with a curve turning to the right for an arc distance of 240.85 feet, said curve has a radius of 8135.11 feet, a delta angle of 1° 41' 47", a chord bearing of South 58° 59' 56" East, and a chord distance of 240.84 feet, to a 3/8 inch iron rod found for the east corner of the aforementioned 12.54 acre tract and for the north corner of the said 11.01 acre tract;

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7. THENCE South 68° 46' 25" West with the common line of the 12.54 acre tract and the 11.01 acre tract for a distance of 596.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said described tract containing 10.824 acres (471,476 square feet) of land, more or less.

Access will be prohibited across the ACCESS DENIAL LINE as herein described to the highway facility from the remainder of the property lying adjacent to SH 195.

This survey is referenced to the National Spatial Reference System. The projection and datum are the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, North American Datum of 1983. All bearings are relative to National Geodetic Survey, 1993 Adjustment, monuments T27 A (PID AB2837), Austin RRP (PID AF9537) and, Georgeport (PID BM1093). All distances are surface values expressed in U. S. Survey feet and may be converted to grid by dividing by the TxDOT surface adjustment factor of 1.00012.

This description was prepared in conjunction with, and is accompanied by a plat of an even date herewith.

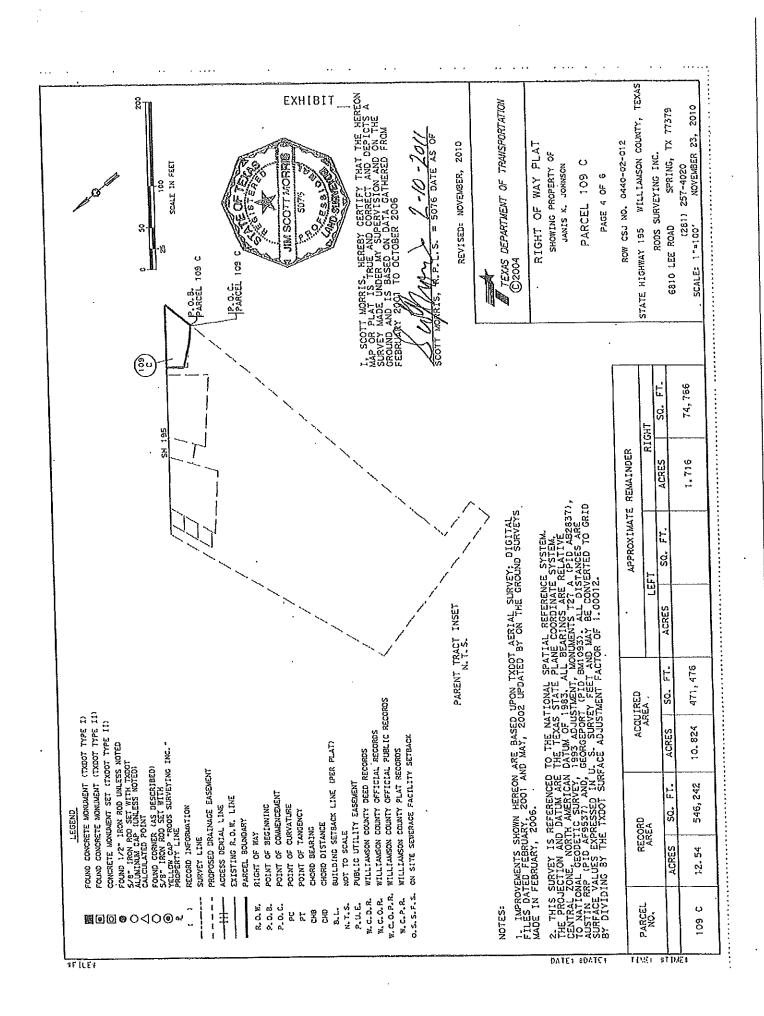
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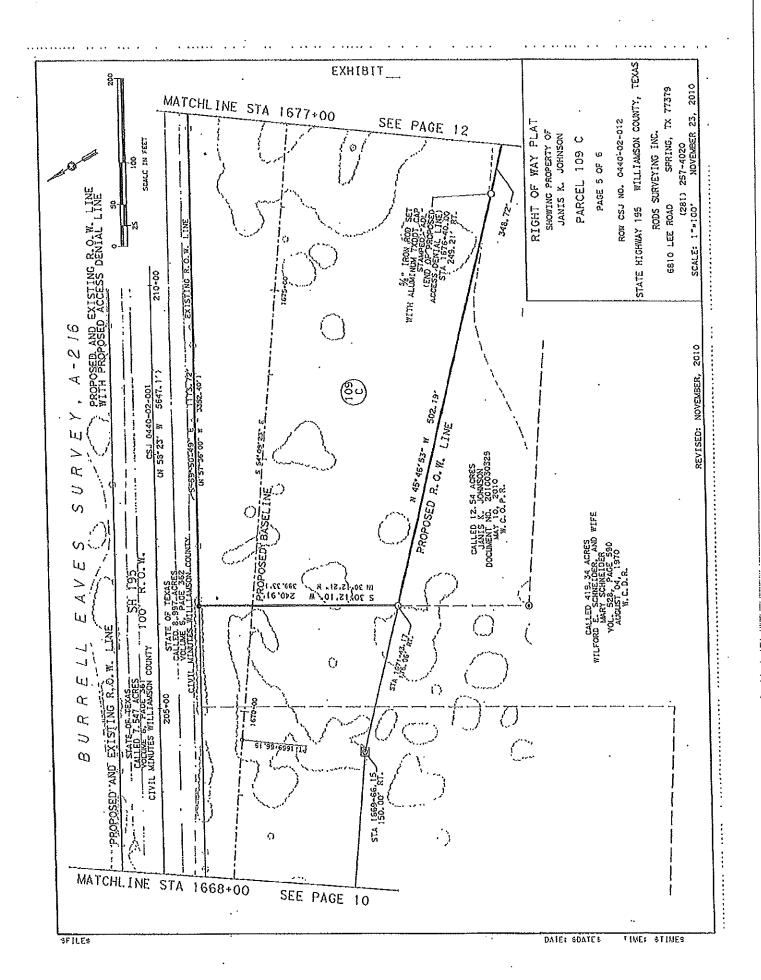
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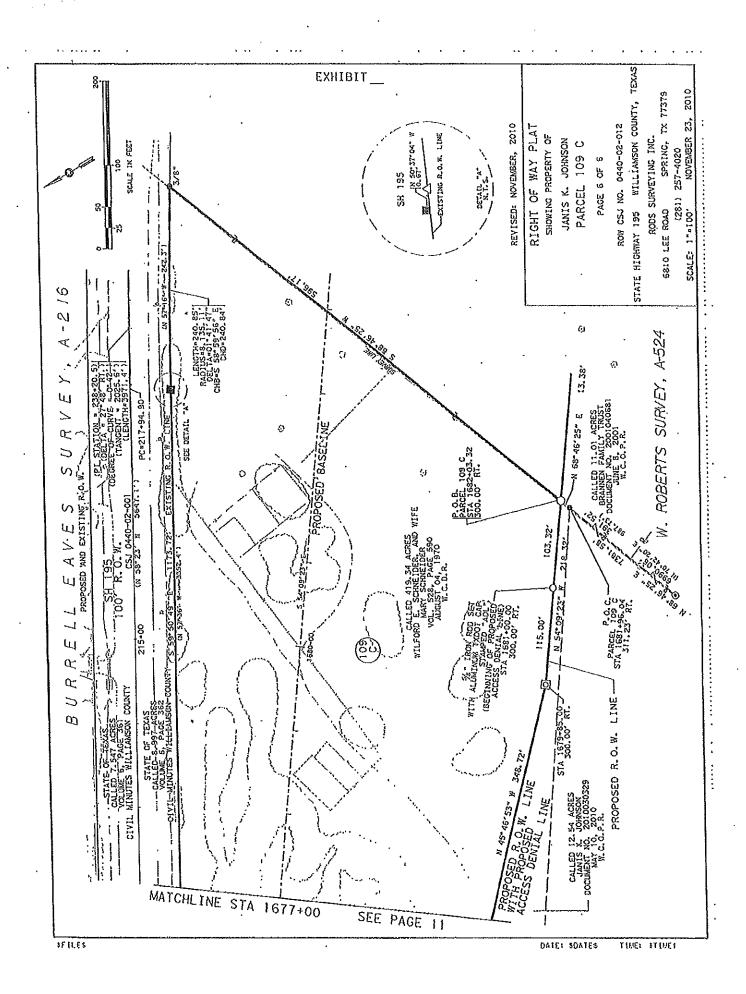
Scott Morris, Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 5076

Date as of: 2-10-2011









#### **County Health Rankings 2011 Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Bride Roberts, Health District

Dr. Riggins **Submitted For: Health District Department:** 

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Discuss newly released County Health Rankings Data.

#### **Background**

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

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## WCEMS/S&W termination of agreement dated 08/01/1997 Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Kenny Schnell, EMS

Submitted For: Kenny Schnell

Department: EMS

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider approving termination of Agreement dated effective 08-01-1997 between Williamson County EMS and Scott & White Health Plan regarding ambulance services.

#### **Background**

Seeking Court approval to terminate an agreement between Scott and White Health Plan and the Williamson County EMS. The initial agreement was entered into in 1997 with the intent to manage the cost of physician referrals from S/W clinics to area hospitals when the patient required EMS services. The agreement is out dated, has no provision to make adjustments in rates, and lacks clarity. Currently the billing services for EMS does not have clear understanding on accepting payment based on current base rates, loaded transport mileage, and weather the patient is responsible for co-insurance and deductibles. Below is a bullet list of overall issues with agreement.

- There is no clause for negotiation of base rates and mileage
- Currently, as stated the contract is 70% below reasonable and customary charges for both base rate and mileage.
- Current agreement has response time variables that are no longer justifiable.
- Initial intent of agreement was to pay for elective referrals initiated primarily through one of the Scott and White Clinics in Round Rock and Georgetown.

On termination of the contract, EMS' standard billing and mileage rates currently in-effect will be charged.

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# **Extension Agreement for Dental Services at WC Jail Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Deborah Wolf, Sheriff

Submitted For: Deborah Wolf

Department: Sheriff
Agenda Category: Consent

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider approving Agreement to Extend Williamson County Professional Services Agreement for Dental Services at the Williamson County Jail.

#### **Background**

This agreement for dental services will extend existing Professional Services Agreement for Dental Services between Williamson County and Todd C. Harris, P.C. for an additional year beginning April 8, 2011 and ending on midnight of April 7, 2012.

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#### **Attachments**

Link: Dental Agreement

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# AGREEMENT TO EXTEND WILLIAMSON COUNTY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DENTAL SERVICES AT THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY JAIL

| Date: | 3 | 14,2011 | , to be effe | ctive | as of April 8, 2011 |
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Provider:

Todd C. Harris, P.C., a Texas professional corporation

# Provider's Mailing Address:

Todd C. Harris, P.C. 1600 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 305 Austin, Texas 78731

County:

County of Williamson, a political subdivision of the State of Texas

# County's Mailing Address:

County of Williamson c/o: Sheriff James Wilson Williamson County Sheriff's Office 508 Rock Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

Professional Services Agreement for Dental Services at the Williamson County Jail Subject of this Extension Agreement:

The agreement subject of this Extension Agreement is that certain Professional Services Agreement for Dental Services at the Williamson County Jail dated April 7, 2009, being executed by and between Provider and County, wherein Provider agreed to provide dental services for the inmates of the Williamson County Jail (the "Agreement").

# Agreement to the Agreement:

The Agreement will expire pursuant to its terms on April 7, 2011. The Provider and County hereby agree to extend the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term beginning as of <u>April 8, 2011</u> and ending on midnight of <u>April 7, 2012</u> ("Extended Term").

# Amendment of Agreement Terms, Covenants and Conditions

To the extent that any terms, covenants or conditions of the Agreement contradict or conflict with the terms of this Extension Agreement, the terms of this Extension Agreement shall control. All other existing terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the Extended Term.

# ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

| Williamson County, Texas               |
|--|
| Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge |
|  |
| PROVIDER:                              |
| Todd C. Harris, P.C.  By:              |
| Printed Name: TODE CHARRIS             |
| Representative Capacity:               |

**COUNTY:** 

## Determination letter re: Prevarian SL Round Rock Commissioners Court - Regular Session

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Gary Boyd, Parks

Submitted For: Gary Boyd

Department: Parks

Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Discuss and take appropriate action on Determination Letter for mitigation enrollment on 7220 and 7230 Wyoming Springs Drive in Round Rock (16.172 acres) for Prevariaon SL Round Rock LP.

#### **Background**

This action is to concur with issuance of Determination Letter on the subject property and to authorize county judge to sign Participation Agreement upon acceptance by the applicant.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

Link: Determination Letter - Prvarian SL Round Rock

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c/o Parks and Recreation 350 Discovery Blvd Ste 207 Cedar Park, TX 78613 March 30, 2011

Prevarian SL Round Rock LP c/o Dodd Crutcher, President 5949 Sherry Lane, Suite 835 Dallas, TX 75225 Also by fax to 512.306.0974 c/o Mark Adams at ACI Consulting.

Re: 7220 and 7230 Wyoming Springs Drive, Round Rock, TX, WCAD property ID # R315215 (a 16.116 acre tract out of a 16.172 acre tract in the Jacob M. Harrell survey, further described by metes and bounds)

#### Dear Mr. Crutcher:

The review of the referenced application has been completed in accordance with the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (RHCP). Based on the provided supporting documents, the Williamson County Conservation Foundation makes the following determination as to this application:

- 1. The mitigation fee for the referenced property will be \$1,620.00 (One thousand Six hundred Twenty and no hundredths Dollars) This amount ("Participation Fee"), rounded to the next highest even tenth acre, will be reflected in Paragraph 2 of the Participation Agreement.
- 2. Please sign below and notify this office as soon as possible by email scan to <a href="wccf@wilco.org">wccf@wilco.org</a> or by fax to 512-260-4237 of agreement to the mitigation terms. An agenda item will be prepared for the next available Williamson County Commissioner's Court for acceptance.
- 3. Following acceptance by the Commissioner's Court we will provide you with fund transfer instructions for the Participation Fee.
- 4. Upon receipt of the Participation Fee the Agreement will be prepared and sent to you. The cover documents for the Agreement will include instructions for filing in Williamson County deed records.

These actions will complete your participation in the RHCP for the referenced project/tract. When we receive confirmation of filing under number 4 above, this office will subsequently prepare and mail a participation certificate to you. Although the certificate is not an official

| document, it may be posted at the project/tract site as notification of participation in the Williamson County RHCP. |
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| Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact WCCF.  |
| Sincerely,   |
|  |
| Gary D. Boyd<br>Director, Environmental Programs<br>Williamson County Conservation Foundation                        |
| Attachments: None  |
| Agreed as to both form and substance:  |
|  |
| By:  |
| Title:   |
| Date:  |

### Discuss and consider reimbursement to Taylor ISD for survey and appraisal costs

#### **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Linda Wipff, Commissioner Pct. #4

Submitted For: Ron Morrison

Department: Commissioner Pct. #4
Agenda Category: Regular Agenda Items

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Discuss and take appropriate action to reimburse Taylor ISD for Williamson County's portion of cost associated with the appraisal and survey for a potential land exchange between the two entities involving property located at the Williamson County Events Center in Taylor, Texas.

#### **Background**

Discuss and take appropriate action to reimburse Taylor ISD for Williamson County's portion of cost associated with the appraisal and survey for a potential land trade involving property located at the Williamson County Event Center in Taylor.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

Link: Survey & Appraisal Invoices

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Real Estate Appraisers & Consultants 404 West 9th Street, Suite 201 Georgetown, Texas 78626

Georgetown (512) 863-6428 Austin (512) 930-3499

FAX (512) 930-5348 e-mail: realestate@k-o-wappraisal.com

#### INVOICE

#### - CLIENT FILE COPY -

August 26, 2010

**BILL TO:** 

Taylor Independent School District

602 West 12th Street Taylor, Texas 76574

Attn:

Mr. David Krueger

Office of the Assistant Superintendent

Support Operations

RE:

Analysis related to a pending land exchange containing 10.816 acres

between Taylor I.S.D. and Williamson County Park Foundation located north of Carlos G. Parker Boulevard in Taylor, Williamson County,

Texas.

FEE:

\$1,500.00

CHECK

PAYABLE TO: Kokel-Oberrender-Wood Appraisal, Ltd. 404 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201

Georgetown, Texas 78626

INVOICE NO.: 10-044



1978 S. Austin Ave. Georgetown, TX 78626 Tel: (512) 930-9412 Fax: (512) 930-9416

Taylor Independent School District
David Krueger, Asst. Superintendent/Operations
602 W. 12th
Taylor TX 76574

Project#: 21806:

Project Name: Taylor ISD: amended plat

# INVOICE

For professional engineering services associated with the amended plat of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1 of the North Loop School Addition Subdivision and surveying approximately 10 acres out of 35 acres in the City of Taylor, work to date;

Work on plat preparation for submittal to Taylor through notice to cease work on 10/06/2010.

| Description               | Hours | Rate           | Cost     | Tax Amt | Amount   |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Services:                 |       |                |          |         |          |
| 2 Man Survey Crew         | 1.44  | \$120.00       | \$172.80 | \$0.00  | \$172.80 |
| CADD Technician/Draftsman | 6.50  | \$90.00        | \$585.00 | \$0.00  | \$585.00 |
| Registered Surveyor       | 0.02  | \$120.00       | \$2.20   | \$0.00  | \$2.20   |
|                           | Т     | otal Services: | \$760.00 | \$0.00  | \$760.00 |

Total Amount Due This Invoice: \$760.00

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Taylor Independent School District David Krueger, Asst. Superintendent/Operations 602 W. 12th Taylor TX 76574

Project#: 21806: Project Name: Taylor ISD: amended plat

# INVOICE

For professional engineering services associated with the amended plat of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1 of the North Loop School Addition Subdivision and surveying approximately 10 acres out of 35 acres in the City of Taylor, work to date;

Re: Boundary survey of North Loop school addition and 10 acre tract, survey plat of both tracts, amended plat

| Description  | plat of both tracts, amended plate    |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Services:  | Hours                                 | Rate   | Cost   | Tax Amt  | Amount   |
| 2 Man Survey Crew CADD Technician/Draftsman Clerical Engineer (P.E.) Registered Surveyor Taxable | 10.75<br>8.50<br>0.50<br>0.50<br>9.00 | \$120.00<br>\$90.00<br>\$65.00<br>\$145.00<br>\$120.00 | \$1,290.00<br>\$765.00<br>\$32.50<br>\$72.50<br>\$1,080.00 | \$0.00<br>\$0.00<br>\$0.00<br>\$0.00<br>\$0.00 | \$1,290.00<br>\$765.00<br>\$32.50<br>\$72.50<br>\$1,080.00 |
|  | То                                    | tal Services:  | \$3,240.00   | \$0.00   | \$3,240.00   |

Total Amount Due This Invoice: \$3,240.00

This invoice is due upon receipt

# **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

Date: 04/05/2011

Submitted By: Wendy Coco, County Judge

Department: County Judge

#### Information

#### Agenda Item

Consider and take appropriate action on the following findings by the Williamson County Commissioners Court in relation to reimbursing Dan A. Gattis for attorneys fees and costs that he incurred, in his personal capacity, in defense of a removal suit filed by Jana Duty in Cause No. 10-1428-C26; The State of Texas ex rel. Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas vs. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Texas, In the 26th District Court, Williamson County, Texas (the "Removal Suit"):

- (1) The interests of Williamson County were at stake in the Removal Suit as opposed to only Dan A. Gattis' personal interest being at stake in the Removal Suit;
- (2) The Removal Suit filed by Jana Duty against Dan A. Gattis was unsuccessful as it was ultimately dismissed with prejudice by Order of Dismissal dated January 21, 2011;
- (3) Any and all actions actually taken by Judge Dan A. Gattis relating to the Removal Suit were undertaken while acting in good faith within the scope of his official duties;
- (4) Williamson County shall reimburse Dan A. Gattis for all attorneys fees and costs incurred by him in the Removal Suit in the total amount of \$12,860.50; and
- (5) Order No. 53 of the Regular Session of the Williamson County Commissioners Court held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 shall be replaced by the findings set forth herein.

#### **Background**

The findings that are necessary to allow reimbursement by Williamson County to Dan A. Gattis are based on Attorney General Opinion JC-0294 (2000). Said Opinion is attached to this item for your review.

The following could provide possible support and justifications for the required findings:

- (1) If Williamson County Judge Dan A. Gattis were removed, it would disrupt the business of Williamson County since a new judge would have had to be appointed and there would be a period of time before he or she could serve as an effective county judge for Williamson County;
- (2) The fact that the failure of Williamson County to provide representation would deter persons from seeking office if they think that they will have to spend their own funds to fight charges arising from their performance of their official duties. To the extent that the charges are without foundation or are political or vindictive in nature, this reason assumes greater significance.
- (3) Officials should not have to assume the personal burden of defending against frivolous suits brought against them due to their official duties. Because the court declined even to issue citation and because the statute exempted actions taken before the current term of office from being grounds for removal, the court could reasonably determine that the Removal Suit was frivolous.

# **Fiscal Impact**

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#### **Attachments**

Link: Order of Dismissal

Link: ABD Invoice

Link: Gattis Letter & Check
Link: Tx Atty Gen Opinion

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#### NO. 10-1428-C26

| THE STATE OF TEXAS         | § | IN THE DISTRICT COURT           |
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| Ex rel. JANA DUTY,         | § |                                 |
| COUNTY ATTORNEY OF         | § |                                 |
| WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS   | § |                                 |
| ·                          | § |                                 |
| v.                         | § | WILLAIMSON COUNTY, TEXAS        |
|                            | § |                                 |
| DAN A. GATTIS, COUNTY      | § |                                 |
| JUDGE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY | § |                                 |
| TEXAS                      | Ş | 26 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT |

# ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On December 22, 2010, Jana Duty, individually and as County Attorney of Williamson County, for the State of Texas, referred to herein as "Relator", filed an ORIGINAL PETITION OF REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE DAN A. GATTIS.

PETITION, the SPECIAL considering Relator's ORIGINAL APPEARANCE URGING COURT TO REFUSE ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND/OR TO DISMISS THE ORIGINAL PETITION FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF WILLIAM COUNTY JUDGE DAN A. GATTIS, filed on January 5, 2011, PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS filed on January 6, 2011, WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE DAN A. GATTIS' REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE MEMORANDUM FILED JANUARY 6, 2001, which Reply was filed on January 7, 2011, PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S REPLY TO RESPONSE OF PLAINTIFF TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS, filed on January 11, 2011, the pleadings, motions and the entire court's file, and considering Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Ann. §87.001 and §87.016, and in accordance with Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Ann. §87.016, the Court is of the opinion that citation should not issue and the court should refuse to issue an order for citation and that the ORIGINAL PETITION OF REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE DAN A. GATTIS should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that citation shall not be issued in this case. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Relator's ORIGINAL PETITION OF REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY JUDGE DAN A. GATTIS is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

All costs of court spent or incurred in this cause are adjudged against the party incurring same.

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All relief requested in this case and not expressly granted is denied. This judgment finally disposes of all parties and claims in this case.

It is ORDERED that a copy of this order be sent to Relator and Defendant/Respondent's attorney.

SIGNED this 264 day of January, 2011.

RICK MORRIS

**JUDGE PRESIDING** 



# ALMANZA, BLACKBURN & DICKIE LLP —ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW—

2301 S. Capital of Texas Highway, Building H Austin, Texas 78746 Telephone: (512) 474-9486 Facsimile: (512) 478-7151

Invoice submitted to: Judge Dan Gattis 850 Country Road 105 Hutto TX 78634-3133

March 07, 2011

In Reference To: FINAL BILL

Invoice # 15147

## Professional Services

|              |  | Hours | Amount     |
|--------------|--|-------|------------|
| 1/3/2011 BB  | Meeting with Dan Gattis.   | 5.00  | \$1,125.00 |
| MD           | Meeting Judge Gattis and Dan Gattis; meeting witnesses.  | 5.00  | \$1,250.00 |
| 1/4/2011 BB  | Receive and review articles regarding removal of county officers, reviewing petition and Chapter 87 Local Government Code, receive and review motion to appoint attorney pro tem, working on list of rebuttal points.                  | 1.60  | \$360.00   |
| MD           | Research regarding statute; email with Judge Stubblefield's office; phone conference District Clerk; phone conferences Judge Gattis; phone conference Dan Gattis; draft Motion to Dismiss/Special Appearance; phone calls to witnesses | 4.50  | \$1,125.00 |
| ВВ           | Working on motion to dismiss, researching cases to support positions.  | 2.10  | \$472.50   |
| 1/5/2011 BRM | Revising motion for citations; checking citations  | 0.30  | \$55.50    |

|           |     |  | Hours | Amount     |
|-----------|-----|--|-------|------------|
| 1/5/2011  | BB  | Revising motion to dismiss, drafting emails to Dan Gattis regarding same, conference with Dickie regarding same, exchanging emails with Dan regarding motion and notice of appearance. | 0.70  | \$157.50   |
|           | BB  | Telephone conference with Dan regarding motion to dismiss.   | 0.20  | \$45.00    |
|           | MD  | Draft Special Appearance; meeting with witnesses; meeting with Dan Gattis Jr. File Special Appearance; phone conference client   | 4.00  | \$1,000.00 |
|           | MD  | Interview with witnesses; prepare and file Special Appearance; telephone conference client; phone call to Susan Potts  | 4.50  | \$1,125.00 |
| 1/6/2011  | BB  | Conference with Martha regarding case status and next actiosn.   | 0.30  | \$67.50    |
|           | BB  | Receive and review plaintiffs response to special appearance, phone call with Judge regarding response and rebuttal, drafting rebuttal memorandum, reading law cited by Duty.          | 3.30  | \$742.50   |
|           | MD  | Meeting witnesses regarding factual allegations; meeting with<br>Dan Gattis; review Duty response; review cases; conference with<br>Bo   | 5.00  | \$1,250.00 |
| 1/7/2011  | BB  | Revising memo in opposition, phone calls with Dan regarding same.  | 0.50  | \$112.50   |
|           | BRM | Revising response to Duty memo regarding removal statute   | 0.50  | \$92.50    |
|           | MD  | Preparation of pleadings: draft reply to Duty response; phone conference Judge Gattis; phone call with Peggy V.; Emails to law firm for County; phone call regarding case.             | 2.50  | \$625.00   |
| 1/11/2011 | MD  | Review documents regarding factual allegations; review correspondence and email with Jana Duty;  | 1.00  | \$250.00   |
| 1/12/2011 | BB  | Receive and review memo from Duty, phone call with Dan Gattis regarding same.  | 0.50  | \$112.50   |

|           |         |   | Hours | Amount      |
|-----------|---------|---|-------|-------------|
| 1/12/2011 | MD      | Review Duty's sur reply. Phone Conference Gattis; phone message to Judge Gattis; conference Bo                      | 0.80  | \$200.00    |
| 1/14/2011 | BB      | Receive and review amicus brief filed by Jeff Maurice and Jim Stauber, phone call with Dan Gattis regarding amicus. | 0.30  | \$67.50     |
|           | MD      | Review Amicus brief; email with Bo and Dan.   | 0.70  | \$175.00    |
| 1/19/2011 | MD      | Phone call from client regarding case status and conference with Bo   | 0.40  | \$100.00    |
| 1/20/2011 | MD      | Telephone conference with Dan Gattis Jr.; Telephone conference regarding status                                     | 0.50  | \$125.00    |
| 1/21/2011 | MD      | Telephone conference with District Clerk; phone conference Dan<br>Gattis and Judge Gattis; Review order from Court  | 0.70  | \$175.00    |
| 1/24/2011 | MD      | Telephone conference with Gattis and emails regarding meeting.  | 0.50  | \$125.00    |
| 1/25/2011 | MD      | Conference with client; travel to Austin  | 2.50  | \$625.00    |
| 1/31/2011 | MD      | Telephone conference with Peggy; Telephone call regarding status.   | 0.60  | \$150.00    |
| 2/1/2011  | MD      | timeline; email to client   | 0.30  | \$75.00     |
| 2/9/2011  | MD      | Phone call from client regarding documents and meeting on 2-17  | 0.60  | \$150.00    |
| 2/11/2011 | MD      | Telephone conference with attorney for County.  | 0.20  | \$50.00     |
| 2/17/2011 | MD      | Conference with client.   | 3.50  | \$875.00    |
|           | For pro | ofessional services rendered  | 53.10 | \$12,860.50 |
|           | For pr  | ofessional services rendered  | 53.10 | \$12,860.50 |
|           | Balanc  | ce due  |       | \$12,860.50 |

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March 15, 2011

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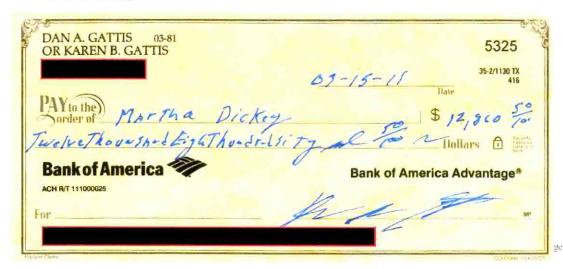
RE: Cause No. 10-1428-C26; The State of Texas Ex rel. Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas v. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County

Dear Ms. Dickey:

Please find enclosed my check in the amount of \$12,860.50 which I understand is full and final payment for all services in regards to the above referenced matter. I appreciate very much the assistance and counsel that you provided. You have my sincere thanks for your expertise and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Dan A. Gattis



**C** Tex. Atty. Gen. Op. JC-0294, 2000 WL 1563173 (Tex.A.G.)

Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

Opinion No. **JC**-**0294** 

October 17, 2000

Re: Whether a city council may pay attorney's fees incurred to defend certain of its members in prosecution for Open Meetings Act violations, and related questions (RQ-0228-JC)

The Honorable Susan D. Reed Criminal District Attorney Bexar County 300 Dolorosa, Fifth Floor San Antonio, Texas 78205-3030

Dear Ms. Reed:

You ask about the validity of resolutions adopted by a city council authorizing payment from city funds of city council members' attorney's fees, where city council members indicted for alleged Open Meetings Act violations voted for the resolutions. A city council member is disqualified from voting on a resolution to pay his or her legal fees, or the legal fees of another city council member indicted on the same facts for the same offense. The resolutions were invalid. Even if they were valid, we believe that a governmental body may not decide to pay the legal expenses incurred by a public officer or employee in defending against a criminal prosecution until it knows the outcome of the prosecution. A governmental body may not reimburse an individual whose guilt is established. If the city council were able to take valid action to pay the attorney's fees of a city council member, the fees could be paid from the revenues of the city's water system operated under chapter 402 of the Local Government Code.

The criminal charges were brought against the city council members because a former city council member was allegedly denied access to the public portion of a city council meeting on November 23, 1999, which was called to discuss Elmendorf Police Department personnel in executive session. [FN1] The mayor, four city council members, and the chief of police of the City of Elmendorf have been indicted for alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act at the November 23 meeting. [FN2] The Elmendorf City Council met on April 16, 2000, to vote on a resolution authorizing the engagement and payment of counsel to represent the city council members in the prosecution. See Request Letter, note 2, at 2. Five city council members voted on the resolution. One of the council members had been appointed to replace a council member who resigned after his indictment on Open Meetings Act violations and another had received immunity from prosecution. See id. These two city council members voted against the resolution, while the three city council members who were under indictment voted in favor of it. See id.

Because the April 16th resolution had been approved by the three city council members who would benefit from it, it was reconsidered at another city council meeting held on April 20, 2000. At this meeting, the council approved three separate resolutions, each of which authorized payment of the legal fees for one of the three indicted city council members. Each indicted city council member abstained from voting on the resolution that applied to him or her and the other two indicted city council members voted in favor of it. *See id*.

- \*2 You ask the following questions about the city council's action:
  - 1. Can a member of a city council that was indicted for Texas Open Meetings Act violations vote on resolutions to employ and pay legal counsel to represent other members of the city council that were indicted for the same violations and to which the voting member is alleged to be a party?
  - 2. May the governing body of a municipality authorize payment of attorney's fees incurred in defending the mayor and certain city council members following their indictments for Open Meetings Act violations occurring during a meeting of the city council?
  - 3. Can revenues from a municipal water utility system be utilized to pay legal counsel for representation of the mayor and certain city council members on Open Meetings Act violations if the resolution authorizing payment specified that the monies were to be derived from the city budget (i.e. general fund)?

*Id.* at 2, 4.

We consider the events of the meetings at which the city council members who had been indicted for violating the Open Meetings Act voted to pay attorney's fees to defend against these charges. At the April 16 meeting, the resolution authorizing payment of the legal fees was adopted by the vote of three city council members who had been indicted. At the April 20 meeting, each indicted city council member abstained from voting on the resolution that applied to him or her, but voted on the resolution applicable to the other indicted city council members. *See id.* at 2.

In our opinion, the resolutions adopted at both meetings are invalid. This office has stated in numerous opinions that a political subdivision may pay an officer's or employee's legal expenses only if it makes the following determinations: payment of the legal fees serves a public interest and not merely the defendant's private interest, and the officer or employee committed the alleged action or omission forming the basis of the suit while acting in good faith within the scope of his or her official duties. *See* Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. <u>DM-488</u> (1998) at 2-3, <u>JM-968</u> (1988) at 2-3, <u>H-887</u> (1976) at 3; Tex. Att'y Gen. LA-24 (1973) at 2-3. It is extremely doubtful that an indicted council member could address these questions disinterestedly when payment for his or her defense is at stake. Public policy in Texas bars a public official from casting a deciding vote in a matter concerning an issue in which he has a direct, personal interest. *See <u>Hager v. State ex rel. TeVault, 446 S.W.2d 43, 49 (Tex. Civ. App.-Beaumont 1969, writ ref'd n.r.e.)</u>; Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>JM-824</u> (1987) at 8. <i>See also <u>Bradley v. State, 990 S.W.2d 245 (Tex. 1999)</u>. An indicted city council member is disqualified from voting on payment of attorney's fees for his or her defense.* 

We moreover believe that the indicted city council members were disqualified from approving the payment of attorney's fees for the other council members indicted for the same offense. We base our conclusion on <u>State ex rel. La Crosse v. Averill, 110 S.W.2d 1173 (Tex. Civ. App.-San Antonio 1937, writ ref'd)</u>, involving a quo warranto action to remove two city commissioners who were under indictment. The city commissioners argued that the removal procedure provided in the city charter must be exhausted before quo warranto could be brought. <u>See Averill, 110 S.W.2d at 1175.</u> The court noted that the city council consisted of the two city commissioners and the mayor, and under the city charter, these officials could be removed only by their own votes, after they had conducted their own trial. <u>See id.</u> The court stated as follows:

\*3 [T]he majority of the members of the commission are charged with the joint commission of a single offense . . . . If under the charter provisions they be tried jointly, as they may be, they must pass directly upon their own joint guilt or innocence; if separately, then the mayor and one of the commissioners must pass upon the guilt or innocence of the other member for an offense in which it is alleged a majority jointly and equally participated, and for which it is alleged they each are equally and by the same facts guilty. The result is obvious: First, that from every consideration

they will not prosecute or convict themselves or their coconspirator; and, second, their decisions in the matter would be void, since the Constitution, to say nothing of public policy, prohibits any judge from sitting "in any cases wherein he may be interested," . . . .

Id. at 1175-76 (citation omitted).

The three city council members of the City of Elmendorf were indicted for the same alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act arising out of the same events and they have similar, if not identical, personal interests in receiving an adequate defense against the charge. It would also be extremely difficult for any of the indicted council members to make a disinterested determination as to the other council members indicted for the same offense. On the basis of *Averill*, we believe a court would hold that the three indicted city council members are disqualified from voting on a resolution authorizing the payment from public funds of legal fees for him or herself or for any of the other two indicted council members. Accordingly, we conclude that the resolutions adopted on April 16 and April 20 approving the payment of attorney's fees for the city council members are invalid.

Because the resolutions authorizing the payment of city council members' attorney's fees are invalid, we need not address your remaining questions. However, your second question raises an issue that warrants discussion: the city's payment from public funds of officers' and employees' attorney's fees in criminal cases. This office has written numerous opinions on the payment of public servants' legal expenses in civil cases brought against them individually. *See, e.g.*, Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. <u>JM-968</u> (1988) (school district may expend funds in defense of lawsuit alleging intentional tort); <u>H-887</u> (1976) (general-law city may authorize expenditures for defense of city employees and officials sued for actions within scope of public duties). When questions about paying attorney's fees in criminal cases have arisen, this office has in the past assumed that the standards applicable in civil lawsuits are equally relevant to criminal cases. *See* Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>DM-488</u> (1998) (appraisal district may reimburse chief appraiser for representation in criminal proceeding); <u>Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-97-049</u> (overruled to extent inconsistent with DM-488) (school district may pay for legal representation of employee in a criminal proceeding); <u>LO-89-012</u> (county may pay attorney's fees incurred in connection with grand jury investigations of county commissioners). However, the payment from public funds to defend a public servant in a criminal prosecution raises issues not necessarily raised in the context of a civil suit. Our discussion will begin with a review of the opinions on payment of an officer's or employee's attorney fees in a civil case.

- \*4 In Texas Attorney General Letter Advisory No. 24 (1973), this office addressed the predecessor of <u>Local Government Code section 157.901</u>, which provides in part:
  - (a) A county official or employee sued by any entity, other than the county with which the official or employee serves, for an action arising from the performance of public duty is entitled to be represented by the district attorney of the district in which the county is located, the county attorney, or both.
  - (b) If additional counsel is necessary or proper in the case of an official or employee provided legal counsel under Subsection (a) or if it reasonably appears that the act complained of may form the basis for the filing of a criminal charge against the official or employee, the official or employee is entitled to have the commissioners court of the county employ and pay private counsel.

. . . .

<u>Tex. Loc. Gov't. Code Ann. § 157.901(a), (b)</u> (Vernon 1999). This provision does not entitle county officers and employees to representation at public expense in criminal cases. *See White v. Eastland County*, 12 S.W.3d 97, 103 (<u>Tex. App.-Eastland 1999, no pet)</u>, Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>JM-755</u> (1987) at 3-5 (construing predecessor to provision in <u>Local Government Code section 157.901(b)</u> on filing a criminal charge against the official or employee).

Letter Advisory No. 24 determined that using county funds to defend county officers and employees sued individually would not violate <u>Texas Constitution article III, section 52</u>, which prohibits grants of public money in aid of individuals. *See* Tex. Att'y Gen. LA-24 (1973) (addressing the predecessor of <u>Local Government Code section 157.901</u>, *adopted* as Act of May 24, 1973, 63d Leg., R.S., ch. 644, 1973 Tex. Gen. Laws 1765). It noted that "[p]ublic money

cannot be spent to defend private interests," but "suits may be only nominally against individuals when they are really designed to obstruct or control the legitimate performance of official duties." Tex. Att'y Gen. LA-24 (1973) at 2; see also City Nat'l Bank of Austin v. Presidio County, 26 S.W. 775, 777 (Tex. Civ. App. 1894). Such litigation in fact does involve the interests of the county. See Presidio, 26 S.W. at 775. See generally Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. JM-755 (1987) at 5 (suits brought by private individuals against public servants for official acts may be merely vexatious). Letter Advisory No. 24 cautioned that the county could not provide a defense if only the defendant officer's or employee's private interests were at stake, even though the suit was based on an action taken ostensibly in the performance of public duties. See Tex. Att'y Gen. LA-24 (1973) at 3-4. It concluded that representation of a county official or employee believed in good faith to have been acting within the proper scope of his authority "is not illegal even though such confidence may prove to have been misplaced." Id. at 3.

Other attorney general opinions determined that political subdivisions, including counties, have common-law authority to pay the legal expenses of officers and employees in civil cases where the interests of the political subdivision are at stake. *See* Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. <u>H-887</u> (1976) (city); <u>DM-488</u> (1998) (appraisal district); <u>JM-968</u> (1988) (school district); <u>M-726</u> (1970) (county). The governing body's decision to pay for an officer's or employee's defense is governed by the standard articulated in Letter Advisory No. 24. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. <u>JM-968</u> (1988) at 3 (board of trustees may pay trustee's legal expenses if it determines that the suit involves the interest of the school district and the officer's "actions . . . were undertaken in good faith within the scope of an official duty"); <u>H-887</u> (1976) at 3 (when city council believes in good faith that the city's interests are at stake, even though an officer or employee is sued individually, the city may employ an attorney to defend the action).

\*5 Opinions subsequent to Letter Advisory No. 24 have reiterated the importance of the governmental body's good faith belief that a public servant acted within the proper scope of his or her authority and, more important, have stated that the disposition of the lawsuit is irrelevant to the question of paying attorney's fees. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. Nos. JM-968 (1988) at 2-3 (school board may pay legal expenses of trustee sued for intentional tort if it makes the proper determinations and need not conclude that the officer is blameless); MW-252 (1980) at 1 (the propriety of defending an action against a public officer or employee "is not made dependent upon the outcome of the litigation, but upon the bona fides of the governing body's motive" (quoting Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. H-70 (1973) at 5). See also Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>DM-488</u> (1998) at 6. The statute at issue in Letter Advisory No. 24 authorized the county to provide an attorney for a county officer or employee soon after the lawsuit was filed, so that this statement was reasonable in the context of that opinion and in any other case where the decision to represent was made soon after the lawsuit was filed. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>DM-107</u> (1992) at 3 (overruled to extent inconsistent with <u>DM-488</u>); <u>Tex. Att'y Gen.</u> LO-90-93, at 2-3 (overruled to extent inconsistent with DM-488). For several years, this office took the position that reimbursement was not permissible and that the governmental body's decision must be made early in the litigation. Attorney General Opinion No. DM-488 (1998) finally made it clear that a political subdivision could reimburse an officer or employee for legal expenses incurred in a suit challenging actions taken within the scope of his or her official authority. See Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. DM-488 (1998) at 3, overruling in part, Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. DM-107 (1992); Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-97-065, LO-97-049, and LO-90-93.

The major issue in Attorney General Opinion <u>DM-488</u> was whether an appraisal district was permitted to reimburse the chief appraiser for legal expenses after the judicial proceedings were over. No emphasis was given to the fact that the appraiser had been a defendant in a criminal prosecution. The fact that the chief appraiser prevailed in the action was said to be irrelevant to the appraisal board's decision to reimburse. *See* <u>Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. DM-488 (1998)</u> at 6. See also <u>Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-89-12</u>, at 3 (approving payment of county judge's and county commissioners' attorney's fees incurred in connection with grand jury investigation); Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>MW-252</u> (1989) (addressing payment of attorney's fees for public officer who lost civil suit).

However, we believe the outcome is particularly important when a public official faces criminal charges brought by the state, rather than a civil suit brought by a private individual. See generally White v. Eastland County, 12 S.W.3d at 104 (more safeguards against criminal actions being filed than civil lawsuits). This view is consistent with most of the Texas authorities on payment from public funds of a public servant's legal fees in a criminal prosecution, as well as

authorities from other states. Cf. <u>City of Corsicana v. Babb, 290 S.W. 736 (Tex. Comm'n App. 1927, judgm't adopted)</u> (authority of city to employ an attorney to defend policemen indicted for killing an individual in attempt to arrest him).

\*6 Two cases involving the actions of the Del Rio city commission in issuing bonds and warrants found it unlawful for city commission members to approve payment of their own attorney's fees to defend against prosecutions for offenses charged in either their private or official capacity. See <a href="City of Del Rio v. Lowe">City of Del Rio v. Lowe</a>, 111 S.W.2d 1208, 1219 (Tex. Civ. App.-San Antonio 1937), rev'd on other grounds, 122 S.W.2d 191 (Tex. 1938), State ex rel. La Crosse v. Averill, 110 S.W.2d 1173 (Tex. Civ. App.-San Antonio 1937, writ ref'd). The court of civil appeals decision in Lowe found that there was no public purpose in the city's paying legal fees for the city commissioners and that the city commissioners also had a conflict in approving payment of their own attorney's fees. See <a href="Lowe">Lowe</a>, 111 S.W.2d at 1218-19; see also White v. Eastland County, 12 S.W.3d at 103 (discussing Lowe and Averill).

While the conclusion in Lowe that no public purpose was served by the city's paying the city commissioners' legal fees has not been overruled, we believe the strict prohibition against using public funds to defend public officers in criminal prosecutions would not be followed today. The court in <a href="Crider v. Cox">Crider v. Cox</a>, 960 S.W.2d 703 (Tex. App.-Tyler 1997, pet. denied), addressed the county's attempt to pay an attorney for representing the county judge in misdemeanor charges of attempting to secure dismissal of traffic tickets in cases before his court. Upon trial of the charges, the county court-at-law decided in the county judge's favor by quashing the indictment. See <a href="Crider">Crider</a>, 960 S.W.2d. at 704. The attorney submitted his bill, which the commissioners court approved without the county auditor's approval. See id. The attorney filed a mandamus proceeding against the auditor to compel her to audit and approve the bill and issue and sign a county check in payment of his claim. See id.

The application for the writ of mandamus was denied because the auditor's approval of the claim was a discretionary act. See id. at 707. In deciding whether to approve the bill, "the Auditor was required to resolve several daunting questions," including the following:

(l) Was [the County judge's] conduct leading to the criminal charges undertaken in the performance of [his] public duties as County judge?

. . . .

- (3) [Was] the County obligated to pay for legal services when there was no agreement or contract between the county and the claimant before the services were rendered?
- *Id.* The court noted that the attorney offered no rationale to explain the county's interest in the dismissal of the traffic tickets and that a legal opinion received by the auditor from the criminal district attorney had found that county funds could not be expended on the county judge's legal fees. *See id.* n. 4. Crider suggests that the conduct giving rise to the criminal prosecution must be closely scrutinized.

In White v. Eastland County, the county sheriff sued the county for payment of his costs in defending against criminal charges for removing a private fence blocking a county road, acting at the direction of the commissioners court and with the assistance of a county commissioner. The court determined that the county had no duty to defend the sheriff and stated as follows:

\*7 In other jurisdictions, both statutory and common law generally authorize reimbursement only if the underlying suit or criminal charge arose out of the good faith discharge of an official duty in which the government or public had an interest and if the official prevailed in that suit. Many state courts, like Texas, have found that there is a discretionary power to reimburse officials for their legal fees, but others have found a duty of reimbursement where the official was successful.

The policy issues are best considered by our legislature. The Texas legislature has addressed the problem of frivolous lawsuits against county employees and their cost of counsel in <u>Section 157.901</u> [of the <u>Local Government Code</u>]. Although there may be more safeguards against criminal actions being filed than civil lawsuits, the legislature may wish to consider when or if county officials and employees should be entitled to reimbursement for legal fees spent in defending against criminal charges arising out of actions clearly done in the scope of their duties.

#### 12 S.W.3d at 104 (citation omitted).

The legislature has in fact authorized the state under certain circumstances to pay the attorney's fees incurred by state officers and employees in defending a criminal prosecution. This statute is included in chapter 104 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code, which provides for indemnifying state officers and employees for damages and other costs adjudged against them in a lawsuit based on conduct in the scope of their employment. See <a href="Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §§ 104.001">Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §§ 104.001</a>, .002 (Vernon 1997). Section 104.0035 of the code provides for indemnifying a state officer or employee for reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending a criminal prosecution if "the attorney general determines that the conduct for which the person is criminally prosecuted could give rise to a civil cause of action covered by Section 104.002 [providing for indemnification in civil suits]." Id. § 104.0035(a)(2). There are additional conditions. The person must be found not guilty after a trial or appeal, or the complaint, information, or indictment must be dismissed without a plea of guilty or nolo contendere being entered and it must have been dismissed because it was based on mistake, false information, or a similar error. See id. § 104.0035(a)(3), (4). Thus, section 104.0035 is directed at indemnifying only the innocent public servant for attorney's fees incurred in defending a criminal action.

Because no legislation applicable to political subdivisions governs the payment of attorney's fees in criminal cases, we must answer your second question on the basis of the policy reflected in analogous statutes, the cases cited in this opinion, and the law of other states. *See generally* Kimberly K. Winbush, Annotation, *Payment of Attorneys' Services in Defending Action Brought Against Officials Individually as Within Power or Obligation of Public Body*, 47 A.L.R. 5th 553, 599 (1997) (legal fees of public officials may be paid from public funds only if the official successfully defends criminal charges arising from his or her official responsibilities). We find a Florida case helpful in defining the public interest that might be served by spending public funds to defend members of a governmental body against prosecution for Open Meetings Act violations. See Askew v. Green, Simmons, Green and Hightower, P.A., 348 So. 2d 1245 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 1977), cert. denied, 366 So. 2d 879 (Fla. 1978). Askew addressed the validity of a county ordinance authorizing the payment of public funds for a county commissioner's successful defense of prosecution for violation of the "open public meetings law." Id. at 1246-47. The ordinance benefitted only those commissioners whose alleged offense was conducting public business in private, and who were not found guilty. See id. It did not purport to authorize payment for legal expenses of commissioners charged with "bribery, acceptance of unauthorized compensation, or other general criminal statutes." *Id.* 

\*8 The court found that the expenditure served a public purpose, not the private interest of the individual county commissioners, stating that:

there is no public interest in defending guilty officials from prosecution. But it does not follow, absent general law declaring it, that the legislative body of a county is incompetent to relieve innocent officials, prosecuted as officials for conduct while discussing or taking action on county business, from the financial burden of unjustified prosecutions.

*Id.* at 1248. Thus, the county could reasonably find that there was a public purpose in expending public funds to pay "certain costs of unjustified criminal prosecutions of county officers" for alleged violations of the public meetings act. *Id.* 

Both the Florida case and <u>Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code section 104.0035</u> require the officials to be innocent of the charges as a condition to payment of the attorney's fees from public funds. We believe that a Texas court would find that a city governing body is authorized, but not required, to reimburse a member of the city council for attorney's fees incurred in defending against criminal charges under the Open Meetings Act, that the act must have

been done in the bona fide performance of official duties and that a public interest, rather than a private interest of the individual officer, is served by the expenditure. *See generally* Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. <u>JM-824</u> (1987) at 2 (lawfulness of spending public funds to protect public interest in suit against a public official or employee is a question of fact). Most important, we believe a Texas court would hold, like the Florida court in *Askew*, that there is no public interest in defending a guilty official from prosecution.

The city may not pay the expenses of an official who is found guilty of the charges and must therefore defer its decision to pay the legal expenses until after disposition of the charges. Attorney General Opinion <u>DM-488</u> is overruled as to its statement that the outcome of the criminal case is not relevant to the appraisal board's decision to reimburse the chief appraiser for his attorney's fees in defending against a criminal charge.

You finally ask whether revenues from the municipal water utility system may be used to pay the attorney's fees of the mayor and city council members if the resolution authorizing payment specified that the monies were to be derived from the city budget, *i.e.*, the general fund. See Request Letter, supra note 2, at 1, 4. The resolutions adopted by the city council called for the city's budget to be amended for the "stated purpose." Id. at 4. After the meeting, it was apparently determined that there were insufficient funds in the general fund to pay the approved legal fees, and the mayor ordered the city secretary to pay the attorney's fees from the water system fund. See id. Because we concluded that the city council resolutions authorizing payment of the attorney's fees are invalid, your third question is hypothetical. We will, however, address the use of city water revenues to pay attorney's fees where such fees have been validly authorized.

\*9 The City of Elmendorf owns and operates its own water department as authorized by chapter 402 of the Local Government Code. See Brenan Brief, supra note 1, at 3. The revenues of the department are not encumbered by bonds or impact fees. See id. Section 402.001(b) of the Local Government Code provides that "[a] municipality may purchase, construct, or operate a utility system inside or outside the municipal boundaries and may regulate the system in a manner that protects the interests of the municipality." See Tex. Loc. Gov't Ann. § 402.001(b) (Vernon 1999); see also id. § 402.001(a) (defining utility system to mean a "water, sewer, gas, or electricity system"). According to the plain meaning of section 402.001(b) of the Local Government Code, a city may regulate a utility system to protect the interest of the city. See Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 311.011(a) (Vernon 1998) (stating that words of statutes are to be read in context and construed according to the rules of grammar and common usage). A city may collect sewer charge revenues that render a profit to the city and may place them in the general revenue fund to use for public purposes. See Bexar County v. City of San Antonio, 352 S.W.2d 905, 908 (Tex. Civ. App.-San Antonio 1961, writ dism'd); see also City of Texarkana v. Wiggins, 246 S.W.2d 622 (Tex. 1952) (city operated water system at a profit). The water system revenues of City of Elmendorf are handled in the same way. The city's attorney informs us that "[t]he Elmendorf water system is proprietary in nature, and provides the bulk of the revenues for operation of the city government." Brenan Brief, supra note 1, at 3. Accordingly, we find no statutory prohibition against placing water system revenues in the city's general fund to be used for public purposes. The city's budget must in fact show "the funds received from all sources during the preceding year," and the "funds available from all sources during the ensuing year." Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Ann. § 102.003(b)(3), (4) (Vernon 1999). If the city council were to take valid action to pay the attorney's fees of a city council member, the fees could be paid from water system revenues.

#### **SUMMARY**

A city council member is disqualified from voting on a resolution to pay his or her own legal fees or the legal fees of another city council member indicted on the same facts for the same offense.

Although it is not required to do so, a city council may spend public funds to reimburse a city council member for the legal expenses of defending against an unjustified prosecution for Open Meetings Act violations. It may not decide to pay for such legal expenses until it knows the outcome of the criminal prosecution. The city may not pay the expenses of a city council member who is found guilty of such violations.

If the city council were able to take valid action to pay the attorney's fees of a city council member, the fees could be paid from the revenues of the city's water system revenues operated under chapter 402 of the Local Government Code.

\*10 Attorney General Opinion No. <u>DM-488</u> (1998) is overruled with respect to its statement that the disposition of charges in a criminal case against a chief appraiser is not relevant to the appraisal board's decision to reimburse him for his legal fees in defending against the charges.

Yours very truly, John Cornyn Attorney General of Texas

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[FN1]. See Brief from Michael S. Brenan, Elmendorf City Attorney, to Elizabeth Robinson, Chair, Opinion Committee at 1 (June 2, 2000) (on file with Opinion Committee) [hereinafter Brenan Brief].

[FN2]. See Letter from Honorable Susan D. Reed, Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County, to Honorable John Cornyn, Texas Attorney General at 1-2 (May 2, 2000) (on file with Opinion Committee) [hereinafter Request Letter].

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# **Discuss Real Estate**

# **Commissioners Court - Regular Session**

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Submitted For: Charlie Crossfield

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#### Agenda Item

Discuss real estate matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.0721 Deliberation Regarding Real Estate Property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with third person.)

- 1. Proposed or potential purchase of lease of property by the County:
- a) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for SH 195 0.805 South of Bell County Line to IH 35.
- b) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for O'Connor Boulevard and 620 project.
- c) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase II project from FM 3405 to Reagan Blvd.
- d) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase III and Phase IV.
- e) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for proposed SH 29 Safety Improvement project.
- f) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Lakeline extension.
- g) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along SW By-Pass.
- h) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Pearson and Neenah.
- i) Discuss proposed Northwoods Road District.
- j) Discuss conveyance of University Boulevard right-of-way.
- k) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 79 Section 3 from East of Hutto to CR 402.

- I) Discuss proposed realignment project along FM 1660.
- m) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Pond Springs Road.
- n) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Chandler III A.
- o) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 183 Extension from 1,000 feet South of San Gabriel to 1,000 feet North of SH 29.

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Discuss economic development issues (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Gov't Code Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding economic development project, to-wit Project Fan.)

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Discuss Homeland Security Air Sampling Program (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt Code Section 551.076 – Deliberations regarding Security Devices).

# **Background**

BRIEFING REGARDING HOMELAND SECURITY AIR SAMPLING PROGRAM AND RELATED LOCAL RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

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