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May 20, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Honorable Jacques L. Blanchette
Tyler County Judge
100 W. Bluff Street, Room 102
Woodville, Texas 75979-5245

RE: County Road Repair Grants

Dear Judge Blanchette:

An Austin attorney is submitting Public Information Act requests for meeting minutes, agendas, road reports and other information relating to the counties' CTIF 2020 grant process. It is very possible that it is part of an attempt to disqualify counties from the pool of grant recipients. Therefore, it is critical that the county fully comply with the grant procedures.


Considering the short amount of time that you have had to pull all of the documentation together as well as scheduling court meetings during the Coronavirus epidemic, there could be some procedural omissions. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you post a meeting as soon as possible, before the May 27th deadline, to review and approve your Application and its contents, as appropriate. We have attached a Minute Order for you to consider and adopt at your meeting.

We previously sent you language to use as the Agenda item.

Please send us a copy of the meeting Agenda as soon as it is posted and a copy of the Minute Order when adopted.

Thank you,


James P. Allison


Robert T. Bass


J. Eric Magee

Enclosures:

Minute Order
Proposed Agenda

PROPOSED AGENDA LANGUAGE

1. Consider and take action upon the approval, acceptance, affirmation, and ratification of the Application submitted by the County for the purpose of securing grant funding under the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund program, including acceptance and approval of the following, included therein:

a. the acts of the designated TxDOT County contacts for the purposes of preparing and submitting the Application;

b. The Road Reports, as the 2019 road condition reports required by Texas Transportation Code §215.005 and §215.018.

c. the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Project List (Prioritized List)

d. Designation of a County Contact person and authorize the County Contact person to prepare and/or execute documents on behalf of the County in matters relating to and regarding the TxDot CTIF Grant and Grant Program.

MINUTE ORDER

COUNTY OF TYLER

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IN THE MATTER OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS

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CTIF GRANT APPLICATION

On this the ____ day of May, 2020, the Commissioners Court met in a posted meeting to consider and take action on the Application submitted by the County for the purpose of securing grant funding under the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program through the Texas Department of Transportation. The Court, having reviewed and considered the grant Application and supporting documents, finds:

1. The Application is, in all things, accepted and adopted by the Court as its valid and legal Application for funds through said Program; and
2. The Road Reports with said Application are the 2019 Road Reports that are required under Texas Transportation Code §215.005 and §215.018 and as such, shall be considered as having been entered in the minutes of the Court during the ninth month of the County fiscal year, regardless of the actual date of acceptance; and
3. The List of Transportation Infrastructure Projects (Prioritized List) included with the Application is the County's Project List for purposes of the Application; and
4. Michael Marshall, Commissioner, Precinct 3, is authorized to do all things necessary to prepare and submit said Application, including the signing of documents and such other matters as [he or she] deems appropriate.

Now, therefore, the Court approves, accepts, affirms, and ratifies the following:

1. The Application submitted by the County and its agents and employees; and
2. The 2019 Road Reports made a part of the Application; and
3. The List of Transportation Infrastructure Projects (Prioritized List) made a part of the Application; and
4. The acts of Michael Marshall, Commissioner, Precinct 3, and the agents and employees under their supervision and control, in all things relating to the preparation and submission of the Application.

So ORDERED.

Commissioners Court of Tyler County

Jacques L. Blanchette, County Judge

Attested by: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk