

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burleson City Council

From: Curtis E. Hawk, City Manager

Date: January 20, 2009

Subject: Resolution R-1142-09, endorsing the appointment by the Commissioners Court of Johnson County of County Judge Roger Harmon to the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Government.

Council Action Requested:

Approve Resolution R-1142-09, endorsing the appointment by the Commissioners Court of Johnson County of County Judge Roger Harmon to the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Government.

Background Information:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC), composed primarily of local elected officials, is the transportation policy body for the MPO. The RTC is responsible for direction and approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Congestion Management Process, and the Unified Planning Work Program, and for satisfying and implementing federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the regional transportation planning process.

Membership on the Regional Transportation Council is either by direct membership or group representation. At its September 2008 meeting, the RTC approved revisions to its Bylaws and Operating Procedures. These revisions included changes to RTC membership based on the North Central Texas Council of Governments' most recent population and employment figures and in anticipation of the future Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary expansion, which will include all of Johnson and Hood Counties. As a result of this Bylaws change, Johnson County and the Cities of Burleson, Cleburne, and Keene and Hood County and the City of Granbury will share a seat on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

The RTC's Bylaws and Operating Procedures state that "The person representing a group of several cities and counties shall be selected by the county judges using a weighted vote of the maximum population or employment of the counties represented, and the person selected shall serve a two-year term beginning in June of even-numbered years and shall be serving on one of the governing bodies they represent. Johnson County Judge Ron Harmon has been our representative to the RTC for several years under the previous RTC bylaws. The Commissions Court of Johnson County on December 22, 2008 approved the appointment of County Judge Roger Harmon to the RTC for the two year term to expire in May 2010, and has requested our support. Resolution R-1142-09 will endorse the appointment.

Board/Citizen Input:

The appointment has been endorsed by the City of Cleburne.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution R-1142-09
Letter from Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon

Staff Contact:

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RESOLUTION R-1142-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF ROGER HARMON AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL OF THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; PROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is the transportation policy body of the NCTCOG, and

WHEREAS, the RTC Bylaws provide that Johnson County and the Cities of Burleson, Cleburne, and Keene, and Hood County and the City of Granbury, share a seat on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), and

WHEREAS, the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures state that "The person representing a group of several cities and counties shall be selected by the county judges using a weighted vote of the maximum population or employment of the counties, and

WHEREAS, currently, County Judge Roger Harmon represents Johnson County and the Cities of Burleson, Cleburne and Keene, and

WHEREAS, Johnson County has approved the appointment of Judge Roger Harmon to the two year term expiring in May 2010;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1

The City of Burleson endorses the appointment of Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, as the City of Burleson's representative on the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

SECTION 2

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 20th day of January, 2009, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Burleson, Texas.

BY: _____
Ken Shetter, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Amanda McCrory, City Secretary