

**Williamson County
Commissioner
Terry Cook**

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CORONAVIRUS

In the last month, the Texas Department of State Health Services decided to change how they count COVID-19 cases. Previously, they used numbers reporting to them from local public health departments. They now only count those cases that are listed on issued death certificates. Of course, this has

disrupted the system, and numbers had to be re-adjusted. Up until that time, Williamson County had reached 100 deaths from COVID-19, then had to adjust downward, and now we are above 100 deaths again. If you have had a death in your family, you know what the lag time is for receiving a death certificate, sometimes it's 3-6 weeks.

You can read more about this change [HERE](#).

In addition, the state has had numerous reporting issues, which you can read more about [HERE](#).

All of this with schools opening soon, although at this point, Thrall ISD has started in-person classes (75% capacity and staggered schedules), AND wouldn't you know it, after one week, they already have an employee in the middle school who tested positive for the virus. You can see that story [HERE](#).

Let me just say that our Williamson County & Cities Health District has been and is working very closely with all of our school districts with guidance on starting school safely.

Click on the logos to get more information.

With school starting back up, this may be a good time to get a test for everyone in your family. Here are some future dates for COVID-19 testing sites in Wilco:

Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **WALK-UP**
Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **WALK-UP**
Monday, September 14, 2020 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **WALK-UP**
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **WALK-UP**
Location: Georgetown Community Center, 445 E. Morrow Street, Georgetown, 78626
Host: Williamson County OEM and City of Georgetown

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM **WALK-UP/DRIVE-THRU**
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM **WALK-UP/DRIVE-THRU**
Thursday, September 24, 2020 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM **WALK-UP/DRIVE-THRU**
Hutto Fire Department, 501 Exchange Blvd, Hutto, TX 78634
Host: Williamson County OEM and Hutto Fire Department

Saturday, September 26, 2020 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM **WALK-UP**
Leander Extended Opportunity (LEO) Building, 300 South West Drive, Leander, TX 78641
Host: Williamson County OEM and Leander ISD



**Williamson County &
Cities Health District**



TEXAS
Health and Human Services



For their statewide dashboard click [HERE](#). Information includes, but is not limited to, cases and facilities by county and region, and numbers of hospital beds and ventilators.

DID YOU KNOW that Commissioner Cook has a Facebook page? Other information regarding responses during this pandemic can be found [here](#) once the data is whole again.



The Message



County Budget for FY21

Before we talk about the new county budget just approved August 24, let's take a look at what Williamson County does for you:

- Provides Public Safety & Justice: Law Enforcement, Court System, Jail
- Holds elections at every level from School Board to President of the United States
- Maintains Texans' most important records: marriage licenses, birth certificates, property deeds & vehicle registration
- Issues and maintains Death Certificates
- Keeps Texans & Economy Moving: 47% of roads are built and maintained by Counties; 147,000 centerline miles of county roads; in Wilco, the county is responsible for 1,437 centerline miles of roads and that grows by 30-40 miles/year.
- Health and Safety: Veterans Services, EMS Service and 911 systems, Health District and medical clinics; proper trash disposal
- Emergency Management: Wildfires, natural and man-made disasters, infectious disease outbreak management

To support all the above, it takes over 1,800 full-time and part-time employees.

This 2020 pandemic has impacted much of everything in our lives, including Wilco County Government. In light of that, our departments scrubbed their budgets of any new position requests and dropped to needs, not wants. Elected officials will not receive raises. Employees may receive merit increases, and the County will absorb the increases to the medical insurance costs. Fines and fees normally collected over 12 months are down \$5-6M for FY2020. The resulting budget is lean.

FY21 Budget

Total Tax Rate for FY21 is 45.8719 cents/\$100 of property valuation

This is effectively a 1.46% increase in the tax rate; 3 categories of tax rates are:

Maintenance & Operations Fund – 25.1529 cents/\$100 of property valuation

Debt Service Fund – 16.719 cents/\$100 of property valuation

Road & Bridge Fund - 4 cents/\$100 of property valuation (steady year-to-year)

Bottom line is that the FY21 budget is **\$394,690,355.64**. The FY20 budget was \$393,843,866 or an increase of .00214%. These rates (minus applicable exemptions that apply for you) will be used for your 2020 Taxes and are the same as used in 2019 so only the valuation of your property has changed.

Note: Round Rock is considering a FY21 budget in the range of \$420M.

CENSUS UPDATE

As of last week of August, Texas, as a whole, was 6.3 points behind the 2010 final response rate for answering the census. Over 5M homes need to be visited – drop dead date remains the **end of September** for canvassing for the 2020 Census.

This failure to respond by residents of Texas will result approximately a \$15,000 per uncounted person loss of federal dollars over the next decade.

Completion rates in my area of Williamson County are listed as:

Brushy Creek N, Walsh Ranch, Behrens Ranch - ≥85%
Brushy Bend Park - 68-74%
Mayfield Ranch – 68-74%
Preserve @ Stone Creek – 68-74%
Areas around S/W Regional Park – 62-68%

To respond to the Census on-line go to <https://my2020census.gov/>

To respond to the Census by phone call

In English: 844-330-2020

In Spanish: 844-468-2020

TDD: 844-467-2020

For other languages, go on-line for numbers at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>

We can do so much better!

CARES Act Funding – Williamson County

Remember back to March when this all began in America? Neither the Federal government nor the state government were very responsive. It was the counties and cities that showed leadership and action. Our Emergency Operations Center was activated, and the search for large quantities of Personal Protective Equipment, PPE, began among many other activities – many of which are still in operation alongside our intrepid Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) personnel. And costs to we taxpayers started climbing.

The United States Congress did approved funding to offset costs caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020. Williamson County was large enough in population to qualify to receive **\$93M** directly from the Federal Government. Our larger cities in Texas also received direct funding. The Wilco ISDs were separately funded at \$5.7M, but that money went to the state to disburse - boo hiss - and it has not, and will not apparently, happen. See below.

So how have we spent the \$93M? Well, we haven't entirely spent it, and the pandemic is not over. This "grant" money distribution is per expenses incurred and is audited, so good records are required by all.

The county acts as the benevolent overlord and banker to the qualified entities within the county: small businesses, cities, non-profits, ESDs, landlords/tenants and now ISDs. We have worked in sequence using a phased approach to disbursement.

Phase I: Grants to Wilco small businesses with <101 employees \$25M -> \$35M in total grants available

Businesses had to turn in bookkeeping and tax information to demonstrate loss of revenue and perhaps of employees because of the pandemic and resulting closures. Qualified reimbursements were calculated with formulas. This was a 2-month program ending June 30, 2020.

Initially, the County set aside \$25M to fund up to \$30,000/request in losses, but demand was so high that within the first month, the Commissioners Court added \$10M more to bring total to \$35M in grant money.

Total of \$34,279,492.35 Approved and Distributed

Reimbursement to County for pandemic responses to date **\$11.55M set aside**

Total of reimbursement to County as of August 25 - \$4,971,955.85 (some encumbered)

Phase II: Grants to cities, WCCHD, ESDs, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, and YMCA: \$25.75M

Funds, again, are intended as reimbursements for costs to these entities due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No cities in Williamson County are large enough in population to qualify for direct funding from Uncle Sam.

City documentation is coming in; documented requests from Florence, Georgetown, Taylor and Leander have been deemed justifiable and have been reimbursed for a total of \$183,617.57. Requested documentation from Round Rock, Cedar Park and Thrall are under review. As the pandemic is still among us, costs will keep occurring.

City anticipated totals to date are expected ~\$625,000 of \$20M Allocation

ESD requests approved and processed to date \$24,732.98 of \$500K Allocation

WCCHD has submitted initial reimbursement request, under review \$1M Allocation

Bluebonnet Trails has not submitted a reimbursement request \$500K Allocation

YMCA has not submitted a reimbursement request \$750K Allocation

WCAD has not submitted a reimbursement request \$43K Allocation

Reserves of <\$3M

And the pandemic is still among us.

Phase III: Community Assistance Program \$5M

These reimbursements are intended to help individuals and families with rent or mortgage and/or utility costs and late charges. The program restricts payments to 3 months and is payable directly to the landlord or the utility companies. Many of these families require assistance to produce the documentation supporting their needs as pandemic-induced for reduced work hours or loss of job.

Administration of this phase is beyond the county's bandwidth and expertise, so we turned to three organizations in the county who routinely do this funding: Round Rock's Serving Center, Georgetown's Caring Place, and the Salvation Army. Division of territorial responsibilities is (and has been) by region and zip codes of the county. All support on-line applications, if possible, for those seeking help, or phone and in-person by appointment.

Phase III grants to date: \$97,018.84 (but really is only weeks old in function)

Phase IV (or addition to Phase II?): Grants to Schools whether ISD, charter, private \$?? (Not established)

Although Congress established CARES Act grant funding for costs incurred by our nation's schools, the money went to the Texas Education Agency. The \$5.7M allocated for school pandemic costs in Wilco has been hijacked to cover the state's obligations for general school funding instead of for these unbudgeted costs that all educational entities have been covering due to Covid-19. In general, costs seems to be \$200/student in expenses from the last school year and preparing for this school year. With a population of students somewhere between 130,000-150,000, these unexpected costs are hammering school budgets. Costs vary widely between schools and ISDs. We have just started talking about a grant program to reimburse for pandemic costs for them.

The original end for the CARES Act grant program was the end of December 2020. That deadline for fund use is anticipated to be extended until the end of February.

Wilco's Emergency Response to Hurricane Laura

Even though you may feel that hurricane was far away, and heck, we didn't even get rain out of it, Williamson County did receive hurricane refugees from the southeast.

On Wednesday night, August 26, Connie Odom, our Public Information Officer, put out notice that we'd been asked to provide housing for evacuees from Galveston, 57 rooms. Preparations were made with hotels/motels in Taylor, Hutto, Georgetown and Cedar Park.

Lo and behold, hours later and unexpectedly, our Emergency Management team was notified of the need for **hundreds** of evacuees from the coast. COTA was setup as the receiving area to process these people, and then assignments to hotel destinations were made. Round Rock hotels/motels were added to the list and the result was:

Sheraton Georgetown	205
Marriott LaFrontera	320
Best Western Taylor	20
Comfort Inn Georgetown	17
Hampton Inn Hutto	14
Holiday Inn Express Hutto	17
Wood Springs Suites	40
Total Evacuees Sheltered	633

WOW – imagine the late-night scramble to contact and arrange all of these rooms. Ad-hoc shelter management teams were formed across the county with our city partners. In summary, our Wilco motel/hotel managers were fantastic. I’ll let you know in Travis County, some evacuees got to stay at the W Hotel – how’s that for accommodations?

Well, down at COTA, it was a scramble as well. Wilco’s Chris Connealy, Executive Director of Emergency Management, Michael Shoe, Director of Emergency Management, and Rebecca Clemons, Senior Director of Human Resources were our coordinators there along with some Travis County personnel. There were 200 vehicles/hour arriving; the Travis County check-in was requiring 15 minutes per vehicle – Wilco streamlined that and drivers were recognizing that our line was moving much faster and switched over!

Many vehicles were low on fuel, and many drivers were low on cash. Wilco brought in a tanker truck and scrambled to acquire gas cards. Of course, our dynamo, Annie Burwell, Director of our Mobile Outreach Team, is queen of the gas card donors from her work and helped to acquire them (many churches and non-profits were involved). Food needed to be brought in and got local restaurants on-board.

Let’s look at the many groups who participated in the emergency response to Laura and the evacuees:

Sheltering: Animal Shelter, County Auditor, EMS, Emergency Services, Fire Marshal, HR, Information Technology Services, Parks and Recreation, Tax Assessor/Collector’s office, Public Affairs & purchasing.

Sheltering-Cities: Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto, Round Rock & Taylor

Volunteer Agencies: American Red Cross, Austin Disaster Relief Network, Salvation Army

1st Responders Dispatched to the Coastal areas: Georgetown, Hutto & Round Rock

By Friday, the 28th, evacuees had either left to discover what remained of their homes and property, moved to the Austin Events Center for mass sheltering, or were dispatched to other reception centers along their way home. *What an amazing group of volunteers, businesses and Wilco personnel!*

Flyers were even produced to aid the evacuees in understanding what was planned. Amidst chaos, basic needs were met. Not even Harvey resulted in evacuees coming into Wilco. No need to be concerned about the spending; our Emergency Management team is great at tracking expenses with complete documentation to obtain 100% reimbursement from the state. Williamson County is a part of the Capital Area Shelter Hub Plan. These expenses are 100% reimbursable. A request will be submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for reimbursement.

One thought about emergency sheltering: what do you do if an evacuee refuses to leave their room?

Commissioners Court is seeking to establish a committee to look into whether to move the confederate statue or not. TO BE CLEAR, this committee’s charge is not to determine whether to tear it down, but whether the statue stays or moves elsewhere. Each Court Member gets to choose 3 appointees *from their own precinct* to this committee in December 2020. Our office has not devised a process yet on how Commissioner Cook will choose, but to that end, we are taking names of people who might be interested until our process is established later in September. To express your interest, please email Gary.Brown@wilco.org, and when the process opens, he will let you know what that is.



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

I-35 at SH 29 Project

Thursday, September 17— Friday, October 2, 2020

The following improvements are proposed: construct a single point interchange (SPUI) at I-35 and SH 29; construct intersection bypass lanes; reconstruct entrance and exit ramps throughout the corridor; extend entrance/exit lanes along the I-35 mainlanes between entrance and exit ramps; and improve bicycle and pedestrian paths.

A pre-recorded video presentation, maps, drawings, and other project information will be available at the following website: www.mobility35openhouse.com.



It's not too late!!!

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET, FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS



HERE



Maybe you've heard, but November 3 is Election Day. Important election dates are below, but , first, our office has received a number of inquiries regarding mail-in voting and the post office. Per proclamation of Gov. Abbott, voters may hand-deliver their own marked mail ballot to the Elections Department during business hours. Photo ID laws are applicable to all voters that hand-deliver their ballots. **TO BE CLEAR: YOU CAN HAND-DELIVER ONLY YOUR OWN BALLOT (NOT ANYONE ELSE'S) AND ONLY AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE AND YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW YOUR OWN ID TO DO IT.** Ballots may be hand-delivered as soon as it has been received and completed, even if it is before early voting has begun. Voters may also use a contract courier (like FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.) to return their ballot to Elections. *For these Ballots to be counted, they must be received by the Elections office by 5PM the day after Election Day as long as it is postmarked on or before Election Day.* Voters who are returning their ballots from outside of the United States must have their ballots postmarked at or before 7PM on Election Day, and the ballot must be received in the Elections office no later than five days after the election. As soon as you receive your ballot, complete it, and send it in ASAP. With the USPS issues, **DO NOT DELAY!**



Oct. 5– Registration deadline

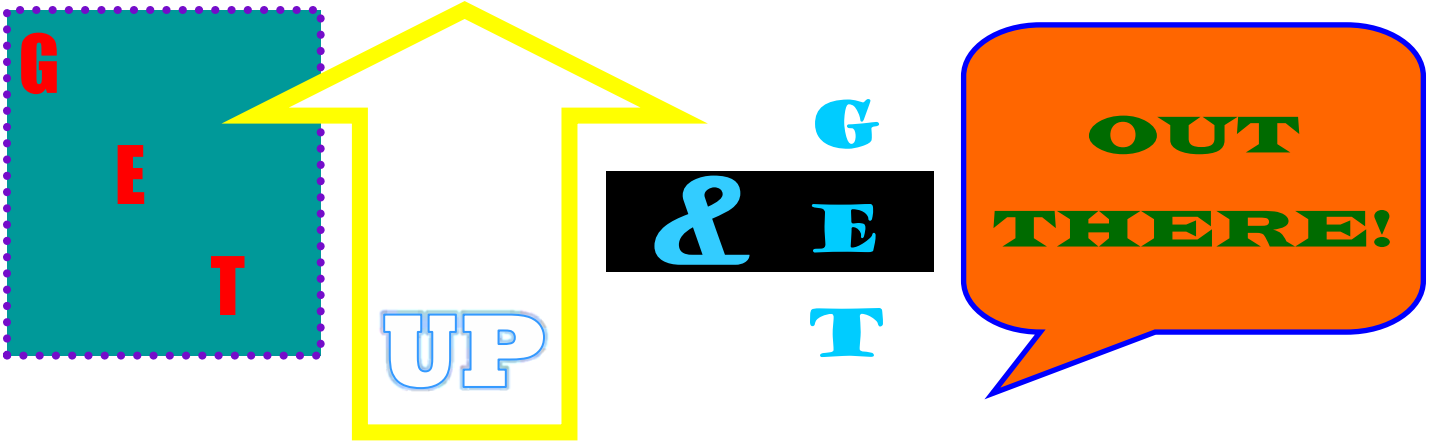
Oct. 23– Ballot-by-Mail application deadline

Oct. 13-30– Extended Early Voting Period, including 2 Sunday afternoons

Sample ballots available by October 1 and the 1st batch of ballots will hit your mailboxes in early October.

See Early Voting Locations [HERE](#)

Voting by mail info [HERE](#)



Commissioner Cook was tasked with keeping up the spirits of the Williamson County staff. A weekly flier produced by her office that a number of links to humor, music, art, virtual tours, kid activities, workouts, and moments of zen.

On this page are some of those links. Click on the logos or pictures. Hope you enjoy! If you would like to receive these weekly fliers, please email Garry Brown at garry.brown@wilco.org, and he will send you a couple.



Colonial Williamsburg

Cook: Education challenges, successes at Williamson County Juvenile Services

<https://www.statesman.com/opinion/20200814/cook-education-challenges-successes-at-williamson-county-juvenile-services>

Well, it's back-to-school time in Central Texas, or is it? One school is like no other.

Williamson County Juvenile Services — within the Georgetown school district boundary — holds classes for three student populations every academic year and this time, amidst a continuing pandemic. The three groups include detention students awaiting their court appearance, residential treatment program students, and community students who have been expelled to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program by their local school district.

To plan classes for this juvenile facility serving the largest number of school districts in the state, Tara Stewart, new principal at the Juvenile Justice Center, has been meeting virtually for weeks with the school's registrar, administrative assistant and 16 teachers.

To operate the Juvenile Services school requires a budget of over \$1 million, to which every school district contributes based on student attendance. Typically, the highest number of students attending are from the Round Rock school district, as it is the largest district. Most in the juvenile system tend to be middle and high schoolers, but ages can range from 10 to 18.

For the first three weeks of school beginning Aug. 17, students expelled from their school districts but at home will participate in distance learning. In-person learning for these students is scheduled to start Sept. 8.

Since teachers share teaching spaces, Stewart said the Georgetown district has provided noise-cancelling headphones, hotspots and laptops for all students, both residential and those distance learning at home. Students will be using Google Classroom to complete assignments and submit them. Instruction will be synchronous, and students will have independent work time that may be away from a computer.

Getting kids to complete their coursework is challenging. Most of these students are already behind academically, so keeping them engaged in learning is difficult. The overall goal is ensuring students remain within the scope and sequence of their home district, so they will return to their home school prepared to thrive. If non-residents aren't making progress, the center sends case managers to their homes and also offers virtual counseling to help them overcome their setbacks.

On Aug. 13, the center hosted three virtual open house sessions so that students and their families could learn about distance learning expectations.

Since COVID-19, the number of detention students has reduced while virtual community supervision and family involvement has increased.

Juvenile Court Judge Stacey Mathews, a former educator, focuses on school and family involvement, trying to ensure students have the support system to succeed. When students refuse to participate in school, Mathews can order them to attend in-person school, where they can re-engage in their education.

Some of the kids in the non-resident group began working when schools were ordered to close and face the dilemma of how to keep their jobs while in school. Case managers can advocate for these students with their employers, so they'll allow them to continue working and attend classes.

Those enrolled in the residential treatment program receive robust education, behavioral health and case management services for an average of six to nine months so they can focus on the root cause of their involvement with the system — childhood adversity.

However, once they understand that the teachers — who also offer tutoring — and staff want to help them and accept them for who

they are, many of these kids succeed.

Stewart said every teacher and counselor has a passion to work with these troubled youths and wants them to feel safe and wanted. There is very little turnover of teachers at Juvenile Services, thus strong, trusting bonds are formed between the teachers and students. They teach four classes per day on a block schedule that includes social studies, English, service learning and physical education one day, and math, science and two electives the next day.

The facility even offers a GED program for students who have fallen behind and want to finish high school, especially those turning 18 and about to be released.

Despite the mounting challenges, Williamson County Juvenile Services and the Georgetown school district, collaborating with other Wilco school districts, remain steadfast in their mission to rehabilitate the whole child and return students to their homes and communities as healthy and engaged learners.

If you'd like to donate school supplies — especially Microsoft 10-compatible laptops — please call or email Julie Watts at 512-943-3207 or jwatts@wilco.org

In Commissioners Court



Williamson County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for the fourth year in a row, and the Mission Lifeline Award for the seventh year in a row. This award is

given to pre-hospital providers for continuing to meet quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience heart attacks. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes those pre-hospital providers for their efforts in improving STEMI systems of care and improving the quality of life for these patients. **In court photo credit: Williamson County Public Information Office**

Congratulations Wilco EMS! We are well-served by the life-saving service you provide!



Can anyone guess where this is?

An additional left turn lane was added for northbound traffic on Sam Bass Rd. at the intersection with RM 1431. This second left turn lane increases the capacity of intersection and reduces delays to turn west onto RM 1431. TxDOT expedited the work utilizing their non-site specific traffic signal contract at no expense to the County. Improvements include signs, lane striping (white arrows), and associated signal programming.



DID YOU KNOW that you can see the events that were attended by Commissioner Cook on her official Williamson County office's website? You'll also be able to read her poems, too. Although she's not attending anything right now, you can see all past events [here](#).

Where is Commissioner Cook?



ANOUNCEMENT: THE COMMISSIONER PRECINCT ONE OFFICE IS REOPENING. Slowly, but reopening nevertheless.

After weeks of guarding our office, Mr. Skeleton will relinquish his post, so Doris Sanchez can be back at her desk starting on September 8 to take care of anyone who walks in the door. Please know that strict protocols, such as mask wearing and 6-foot social distancing, will be enforced to keep everyone safe.

The front area of our office is small and cannot hold more than 2 people at a time when distanced appropriately. If you show up at the office, please work with Doris in a friendly manner to honor our office etiquette.

Garry Brown, who lives in a multigenerational home with a 12-year-old and an 85+ year old, will continue working remotely and answering your calls and emails timely, as always.

Virtual meetings will remain for now. Thank goodness for Zoom, GoTo Meetings, WebEx, Teams, Google Meet, and all of the other virtual meeting platforms!

Please continue keeping yourself, your family, and our Williamson County neighbors safe by going out only when you need to wearing a face mask and frequently washing your hands.

ROAD UPDATES

620 at Railroad/Chisholm Trail– The northside of 620 is being prepped to widen the road, and rock excavation is taking place. A water line is being installed near the McDonalds, and boring is taking place for a storm sewer pipe under 620 near Chisholm Trail. This is a City of Round Rock, Wilco & TxDOT project. Estimated completion date is Summer 2022.

Great Oaks Bridge at Brushy Creek Rd.– While AT&T's design is done, they are now scheduled to finish their construction in November instead of September 2020, same with Charter, Grande, and Oncor. Hopefully, these target dates don't get delayed again. Atmos Gas is installing a new gas line near the BCMUD maintenance yard on the north and along the right-of-way on the east. The old bridge will remain in use during construction. The construction is anticipated to begin late Fall 2020 (if utility moves happen) and take 18-24 months to complete and set to finish in Spring 2022. Learn more [HERE](#).

Great Oaks Water Line Relocations– **Fern Bluff water line:** Connection date for the new 12" line remains a mystery. There is an undiscovered valve on a Fern Bluff line that has yet to be located—heck, call out all those outstanding detectives and Private Investigators! Calling Hercule Poirot! **Brushy Creek water line:** DONE!!!

Hairy Man Rd./Brushy Creek Rd. Safety Improvements– Learn more about this project at this [website](#). Design work to modify road alignment and to maintain as much of the canopy over the road as possible, is nearly complete & is out for comments to engineers. Waterline designs are complete and awaiting signature from the City of Round Rock. Nearly all utility work is completed, however utilities tend to be the Achilles heel on projects. Construction start is not slated to begin until late fall 2020. This is a 100% county job.

N. Mays St. Extension from Paloma Dr. to Oakmont Dr.– Bridge work nearly completed. Excavating continues and embankment has been placed for the widening at the south end of the project, from Jeffrey Way to Paloma Drive. Work continues at the new intersection of North Mays and Oakmont Drive. Electrical conduit is being installed for the illumination at the south end of the project. Pond work continues at north end. All known utility conflicts have been cleared. This is a Round Rock—County project. Substantial completion slated for—hold for it, hold for it—late fall 2020.

University Blvd. widening from IH-35 to Sunrise Rd.– Design and right of way acquisition are complete, and utility relocation efforts are still ongoing and taking longer than anticipated. Road construction, delayed by the City of Round Rock, is now under contract with DeNucci Constructors. This is the city's project for which the county has contributed \$5M. Project construction is slated to begin Fall 2020, and is slated to finish in early 2022.

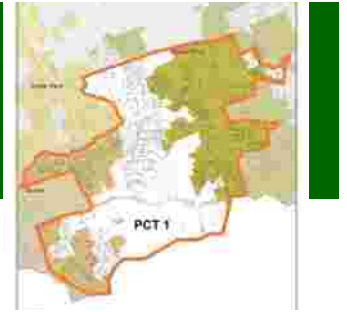
Pond Springs Road Area Drainage Improvements– Awaiting signatures of an agreement between TxDOT, the County, and the City of Austin, which has just been sent to all the entities. Draft drainage design of the preferred option is under review with final design in August. Utility relocations remain unknown at this time. Construction start is anticipated Spring 2021.

Forest North Drainage Improvements Phase III– Completed installation of the COA 8" water line on Shady Oaks at Broadmeade Avenue and Barryknoll at Broadmeade Avenue in the Norchester Zone. Completed installing storm sewer, reinforced concrete pipe, manholes, and drop inlets through the residential easements from Perthshire Street to Wisterwood in the Braes Valley Zone. Land at various locations is being readied in advance of storm sewer installation. This is a well-oiled operation.

O'Connor Drive Traffic Signals– In seeking space for new conduits at each corner for the stoplights, it was discovered that they are loaded with utilities already. Excavation and boring have taken more time to solve and pushed back the completion date for the project. More open trenching and extension of conduits at the Northeast and Southwest corners of the Liberty Walk at O'Connor Drive intersection are required. Design changes are ongoing in response to differing site conditions at the intersections. Sorry for the blockage on some corners—not much room to work so walk around it safely. Substantial completion is anticipated Fall 2020.

1431 and Sam Bass Rd.– GREAT NEWS! The intersection has been completed, and 2 left turning lanes and an additional left turn signal has been added for NW bound traffic on Sam Bass! Drivers immediately adapted. The construction on the new road design for Sam Bass Road itself is not anticipated to begin before 2022 because of utilities. (Sam Bass Road became designated official as a corridor road on the 2016 Corridor Map of the county's Long-range Transportation Plan.)

The Mission, Vision, and Value Statements of the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 Office



MISSION

To lead pro-actively on the Williamson County Commissioners Court while advocating for the constituents of Precinct 1 and the county at-large from a foundation of collaboration and respect.

VISION

To transform Williamson County government into a more accessible, responsive, transparent, and well-managed organization for our residents, so that we become the community recognized as the best in Central Texas to live and enjoy.

VALUES

Accountability, commitment, integrity, and respect form the values that guide the Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1 office.

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SEE US ONLINE!!!

Williamson County's Website! - www.wilco.org

Our office's web site- [Terry Cook, Commissioner Pct 1](#)

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Austin Fire Department
512-974-0130

County Judge Bill Gravell
512-943-1550

Jollyville Fire Department (ESD 1)
512-258-1038

Round Rock Fire Department (ESD 9)
512-218-5590

Sam Bass Fire Department (ESD 2)
512-255-0100

Williamson Central Appraisal District
512-930-3787

Williamson County Landfill
512-759-8881

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter
512-943-3322

Williamson County Sheriff's Office
512-864-8282

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Williamson County?

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Commissioner Cook
keeps meeting with many
MUD Boards and HOAs.
To invite her to your
meeting, contact Doris at
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Emergency
DIAL 911