



Greater Austin Contractors and Engineers Association

**Meeting with Bob Daigh & Joe England, Williamson County
January 21, 2011**

Attendees:

Bob Daigh, P.E., Director of Infrastructure

Joe England, P.E., County Engineer

Michael Ehrhardt, President

Board members: Scott Swiderski, P.E., Jim Huffcut, P.E., Jennifer Paisley, P.E., Ken Heroy, P.E.

Governmental Liaison Committee: Rob Reyes, Bruce Aupperle, P.E.

Lisa Lamb, Executive Director

Agenda

- 1) About ACEA
 - a) Joe England is active with ACEA and attends Symposium every year
 - b) It was offered/recommended that they use us as a sounding board/resource when needed
 - c) Bob and Joe excepted the offer of sitting on the Ethics panel at the Symposium
 - d) Joe accepted the invitation to speak at a Luncheon
- 2) With the new census data coming out next week, the County has a lot of growth in the past and will see more growth in the future. How is County planning to address that growth?
 - a) Among the Top 50 growing cities in nation
- 3) How is the economy affecting the County's budget and ability to design/contract new work?
 - a) Three fourths of a quarter of a Billion dollars in work currently going on with 80 projects
 - b) Replacing wooden bridges marking low water crossings
 - c) 70 design firms on approval list – Firms go through an interview process with commissioners
 - d) Prepared to gear up when economy is better and create a Bond and prioritize projects
- 4) What design and construction projects are coming up?
 - i) Joe will send Commissioners approved list of ongoing projects and new projects to Lisa for distribution to members
- 5) Does the County currently have plans for a new Bond package? Have plans been ID'd?
 - a) No current plan for a new bond package
 - b) Prepared to gear up when economy is better and create a Bond and prioritize projects
- 6) Discussed how can ACEA help County:
 - a) Joe may request our advice on subdivision pavement failures
 - b) Pavement design standards need rewriting and will use us as a resource
 - c) Provide time to speak during membership monthly luncheons
 - d) Provide space in our monthly newsletter, send mass email announcements to membership
- 7) Other
 - a) Joe is working on reveg and erosion issues and requirements
 - b) Joe is looking at holding not only Pre-Cons but Post-Cons, as well. What went right/wrong?

ACEA Mission Statement

Promote the business interests of those who design and build the infrastructure of the Central Texas area.
Build strong relationships with local cities, counties and state government.
Promote the ACEA and its members as good corporate citizens within the community.
Help members conduct their business economically, efficiently and safely.
Express opinions upon issues affecting the industries represented.