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Additional funding approved for road repairs

In a brief special meeting on Monday, June 30, Ellis County Commissioners approved an amendment to a project agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

“This is an amendment to the agreement that we made last spring with NRCS,” said Watershed Technician Ross Davis. “They have increased the available funding. By approving this we increase our commitment to pay 25 percent of the entire (estimated) amount (of the repairs).”

NRCS engineers had reviewed damages following flooding that occurred in the spring of 2007 and estimated an overall cost of approximately \$309,000 to make necessary repairs. Only 45 percent of that amount was approved in the first round of funding, however.

The County’s share, a 25 percent match, will be divided among the road and bridge precincts according to the cost of repairs being done in each precinct.

“It sounds like a pretty good deal,” said County Judge Chad Adams.

“It is a good deal,” Davis said, adding that projects on the original list have already gone out to bid.

The Court also approved a preliminary plat of Prairie Ridge Boulevard Right-of-Way dedication.

“This is much different than what we normally see and do,” said Department of Development Director Delton Ake. “This development is partly in the Grand Prairie city limits and entirely in the Grand Prairie ETJ. We have an agreement to work through them and with them. This is just for the boulevard.”

The roadway will enter Highway 287 north of Midlothian and continue through Ellis County to the border of Johnson County.

Commissioners authorized payment in an amount up to \$3,635.69 to Brian and Heather Jamison for repairs to their motor vehicle, which was allegedly damaged by an employee of Ellis County during the course of his employment on or about May 20, 2008.

Following adjournment of the special meeting, Commissioners entered into public hearings regarding the 2008/2009 budget.