

Parkway will be rebuilt

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A new multi-million dollar capital improvement project for College Station streets will include the use of new resurfacing materials and the rebuilding of Southwest Parkway.

The two-mile stretch of Southwest Parkway between Wellborn Road and Texas Avenue is a major part of the capital improvement. The patch work on Southwest Parkway is temporary, Director of Public Services Mac Allen said. The street will be rebuilt, probably in the spring.

Major results from the capital improvement program won't be available for at least six months, he said.

All College Station streets will be evaluated to determine what repairs each one needs. The worst streets will have top priority on the repair list.

While the capital improvement program will cost millions of dollars, Allen said that in the long run the project will save money because maintenance is cheaper than total rebuilding.

The Department of Public Services is using a new resurfacing material for rebuilding city streets.

The new material — a light-weight stone coating made of bentonite clay — will provide a better surface than the white dusty stone that once was used, Allen said. Four residential streets have already been resurfaced with the new material.

"During the capital improvement program, we will be trying several new materials," he said.

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Solon's finances checked

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AUSTIN — The public integrity unit of the Travis County District Attorney's office has confirmed it is investigating alleged discrepancies in the per diem allowance and travel vouchers of state representative Ron Wilson of Houston.

"For all practical purposes, we are conducting an investigation because of the allegations that appeared in the press, the concerns in the community and the points raised by (Morris) Graves," Assistant District Attorney Bill Willms said.

Graves, Wilson's Republican opponent in District 131, said he has met with Willms and pointed out discrepancies in Wilson's travel and per diem vouchers, his state phone records and his campaign finance and expenditure report.

Earlier in the week, Graves said he wanted the district attorney's office to acknowledge it was conducting a full investigation or he would consider either personally take the case to a grand jury in Austin or Houston or he would turn it over to federal investigators.

Willms refused to discuss any specifics of the case.

"We have received a lot of documents that have to be gone through. This is at a preliminary stage," Willms said.

Analysis of Wilson's state phone records and his travel and per diem vouchers showed several cases where phone calls were made from out-of-state, including Hawaii, California and Arizona, when his travel vouchers indicated he drew per diem for being in Austin tending to duties as chairman of the House Health Services Committee or other legislative business.

Records showed Wilson drew more than \$15,000 in per diem allowance between Sept. 1, 1981, and July for taking care of legislative duties. The Health Services Committee, however, ran over its budget, its phones were cut off, its employees dismissed and its meetings for the rest of the year were suspended.

Wilson has refused comment on his expenditures.

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The record speaks for itself. Carolyn Ruffino is the only candidate who has experience as a prosecutor. Carolyn Ruffino's experience is much more diversified and her legal career has been intensely devoted to serving Brazos County. Only Carolyn Ruffino's experience can meet the needs of the County Court at Law.

The Job The County Court at Law Judge presides over six different areas of the law:

Carolyn Ruffino's experience in these areas...

JUVENILE

Entertains matters relating to detention hearings, adjudication hearings, disposition hearings, motions to revoke probation, certification hearings while always trying to balance the question of what is in the best interest of the child and of society through programs designed for treatment, training and rehabilitation of the child. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of the Texas Family Code.

- Juvenile prosecutor in County Court at Law
- In over 300 cases filed, represented interests of the people of Brazos County in adjudication hearings to determine whether a child had broken the law in all types of offenses ranging from truancies to aggravated robberies
- In disposition hearings, to determine what should be done with a child who had been found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or was in need of supervision
- In certification hearings, to determine if case should be transferred to district court
- In detention hearings, to determine where a child should temporarily stay
- In motions to revoke or modify conditions of prior probation
- Has thorough working knowledge and application of juvenile law
- Approximately 300 court appearances in County Court at Law

CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR

Entertains hearings and trials for violations relating to assaults, DWIs, theft under \$200.00, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., reckless conduct, criminal trespassing, criminal mischief under \$200.00, sale of alcohol to minors, illegal sale of beer, public loudness, harassment, burglary of coin-operated machines, and traffic appeals. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of the Texas Penal Code and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

- Assistant District Attorney for 2½ years
- In over 500 cases, represented interests of the people of Brazos County relating to offenses ranging from criminal mischief over \$200 to murder
- Appeared in court almost daily for 2½ years for hearings ranging from docket calls, pretrial hearings, trials, motions to revoke probation, bond hearings and grand jury hearings
- Has a thorough working knowledge of and applicability of criminal laws and Texas code of criminal procedure
- As chief prosecutor responsible for all cases filed in 272nd District Court, made court appearances daily

PROBATE MATTERS

Entertains all applications, petitions, and motions regarding probate of wills, administration of estates for those descendants without a will, hearings for the declaration of heirship and hearings regarding guardianships. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of Texas Probate Code and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

- As Assistant Trust Officer in the Trust Department of one of the areas leading banks, helped to manage and oversee the probating of wills, assets of estates and guardianships
- Gained a good working knowledge of investment and financial markets
- Advised relatives or representatives of a decedent's estate regarding the application of probate laws
- While in private practice of law, represented estates of decedents in approximately 15 cases in probating the will, collecting the assets, paying off debts and closing out the estates and in helping to appraise value of assets
- Worked closely with real estate appraisers for estate planning and for preparation of tax returns
- Has an in depth working knowledge of Texas Probate Laws and rules of civil procedure

MENTAL ILLNESS

Entertains all applications, petitions and motions regarding mental illness and incompetency hearings. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of Texas Probate Code, Mental Health Code and Texas Code of Civil Procedure.

- Has represented interests of many clients with mental illness problems due to alcoholism, temporary insanity and insanity
- Worked with many mental health experts in Brazos County, Rusk State Hospital and Austin State Hospital regarding sanity or insanity in both civil and criminal cases
- Has an in depth working knowledge and application of mental health code and of probate code

CONDEMNATION MATTERS

Hears all condemnation suits and allows for the compensation for property taken as well as for all loss and damage resulting from the taking of any property in Brazos County. These proceedings require an in depth knowledge of real estate law and civil laws.

- Instructor for American College of Real Estate for 3 years and taught courses regarding real estate law as it relates to the buying and selling of real estate
- In private practice, represented many clients in helping them to plan the development of their estates and appraise the values of assets
- Worked closely with many real estate appraisers
- During past five years, has developed an in depth working knowledge of real estate law as it relates to ownership of land and to appraisals of real estate property

CIVIL MATTERS

Hears all controversies between individuals from \$500.00 and up to \$10,000.00 in value. These proceedings require an in depth knowledge of civil law and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

- While in private practice of law, has handled over 300 cases involving matters between individuals ranging from the drafting of contracts, rental agreements, collection of rental fees, garnishments, wage disputes and destruction of property
- Has represented several clients in contested matters for the enforcement of terms of contracts
- Has an in depth working knowledge of civil law and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure



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Carolyn Ruffino
County Court at Law Judge