

Amend CSHB 300 by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

SECTION _____.01. Section 256.001, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 256.001. USE OF COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, ~~[Money]~~ money in the road and bridge fund of a county may be used only for:

(1) working public roads or building bridges;

(2) purchasing right-of-way for public roads or bridges; or

(3) constructing and maintaining public roads or bridges, including the hiring of labor and the purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment ~~[except as otherwise provided by law]~~.

(b) Money in the fund may be spent only by order of the commissioners court of the county. The court may make the necessary orders for using the money for the purposes provided by this section.

(1) The commissioners court, in spending the vehicle registration fees for county road purposes, shall regard the roads and highways of the county as a system to be built, improved and maintained as a whole to the best interests and welfare of all the people of the county and of all the precincts of the county.