

August 14, 2006
Budget Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Workshop on the above date with the following members present, to wit: Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Commissioner Harold Smith, Commissioner Phillip Music, and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge.

The Board discussed a maintenance agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and the County for the construction of a new bridge on CR 179-A. The County would maintain the bridge after the construction was complete. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve this agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Maintenance Agreement – CR 179-A Bridge)

The Board discussed a proposal for a new copier for the Bookkeeping Office. The rate would be \$169 per month for 36 months. Commissioner King offered a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the paperwork for the copier with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Lease Agreement)

Wanda Stafford, Emergency Management Director, informed the Board that \$18,224 from the storm “Katrina” would be forthcoming. She stated that these funds were not currently budgeted and asked the Board to designate these funds to be used for preliminary work for the Emergency Operations Center construction grant. Commissioner King offered a motion to grant this request. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wanda Stafford, Emergency Management Director, also discussed the potential site for the new Emergency Operations Center. She recommended that the new Center be located behind the Farmer’s Market and Ambulance Department on Highway 90. She stated that the Fair Association owned 2.18 acres located at the back of the potential site and asked that the Board contact them to request that this land be deeded to the County. Commissioner Thomas offered a motion to send a letter to the Fair Association requesting this land transfer with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas offered a motion to approve the recommended site pending the land

transfer. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board made the following changes to the proposed General Fund budget:

Sheriff	Health Ins Increase		+ 29,700
Fire	Pittman	+	500
	Gritney	+	500
	Pine Log	+	500
Agri-Center	Improvements		+ 10,000
Library	Salaries	+	50
	FICA	+	4
	Retirement	+	5
Miscellaneous	Tri Co Airport		+ 5,000

The Board made the following changes to the proposed Transportation Trust budget:

Bonifay Road & Bridge		-	25,000
Road Materials & Supplies		+	8,500

Commissioner King stated that he had reconsidered his recommendation to raise all Library employees ninety-nine cents per hour and recommended the Board approve the \$1.00 per hour request. The Board tentatively budgeted a \$1.00 per hour increase for all Library employees.

Mr. Jerry Cooley of the Tri Co Airport Authority stated that Washington County had agreed to match the amount that the Board would contribute to his organization. He asked the Board to consider funding a total of \$10,000. The Board tentatively budgeted this amount.

The Board discussed the Sheriff’s budget request. The Board agreed to add \$29,700 for the health insurance increase to the \$251,822 previously budgeted.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, spoke with the Board regarding the resurfacing project for CR #160. She stated that nothing had been done to date even though the start date was June 1. She also informed the Board that she has now been told that the project will begin next week. The Board agreed to send a letter to Anderson Columbia if the project is not started as indicated.

Chairman Stafford informed the Board that there is a side road off of Odell Peters Lane that has a water runoff problem. He asked permission to maintain this road when he grades Odell Peters Lane every two or three months. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Smith offered a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Music offering a second.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting stood adjourned.

Clerk

Chairman