

December 19, 2006
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Monty Merchant, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Kenneth Williams and Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Chairman of the Board.

Gerald Holley, Attorney, was present.

Sherry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Wendell Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Pursuant to Public Notice, a Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of Ordinance 06-14 which will give an additional homestead exemption for the elderly. There was no discussion from the public.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-14 with Commissioner Williams offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 06-14)

Pursuant to Public Notice, a Final Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of Ordinance 06-13 to update the Holmes County Land Development Regulations. There was no discussion from the public.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-13, making changes in the Land Development Regulations to make all developments or land splits be subject to the platting process. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 06-13)

Pursuant to Public Notice, a Final Public Hearing was held to consider the approval of a Small Scale Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. There was no discussion from the public.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the Small Scale Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map that will change five (5) acres located on A.J. Steverson Road and is owned by John Lawlor from agricultural zoning to rural residential zoning. Commissioner Williams offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Small Scale Amendment)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2006, Special Session and November 28, 2006, Regular Session. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the Notice to Proceed with Hatch Mott MacDonald to complete the centerline survey on Thomas Lane. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Notice to Proceed)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grant Modification #2 from the Emergency Management Department. The modification will extend the expiration date of the agreement until February 28, 2007. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Modification #2)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the \$12.50 Surcharge Committee requests for a mobile radio for the Bonifay Police Department and a handheld radio for the Sheriff's Department for a total of \$3,483.36. Commissioner Williams offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Requests)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a variance for Ken Abraham. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Variance)

Commissioner King made a motion to reimburse Commissioner Merchant and Commissioner Williams for the registration fees of \$300.00 each to the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve an additional 5 year lease with the Holmes County Development Commission for the property that the Recycling Center is located on. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Lease Agreement)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve Donofro and Associates Architectural Services fees of 8% for the remodeling of the Sheriff's Annex Building. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Fees)

Chairman Thomas stated the Board had ranked the two companies that submitted their qualifications for Site Plans Review for Land Development Code Compliance. The number one ranked firm was Chastain Skillman and the number two firm was Greenhorne & O'Mara.

Pursuant to Public Notice, sealed bids were opened for the resurfacing and improvements to the John Clark Highway. The bids were as follows:

	Base	Alt # 1	Alt # 2
C.W. Roberts Contracting	\$282,702.00	\$561,769.00	\$580,412.00
APAC	\$116,105.70	\$361,746.70	\$301,837.50
Anderson Columbia	\$126,508.65	\$327,801.01	\$306,388.65

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve negotiations with the low bid with Commissioner Merchant offering a second. Commissioner Music withdrew his motion with Commissioner Merchant withdrawing his second.

Commissioner Music made a motion to go with Alternate # 2 with Commissioner Merchant offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the low bid from APAC to enter into negotiations with Hatch Mott MacDonald, County Engineer, to see if a lower bid amount could be worked out. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the DEP Consent Order which will waive the fee of \$8,000.00 for the petroleum storage tank violations at 2238 Hwy 179A and 1996 N Hwy 181 in Westville, FL in exchange for \$1,000 and an in-kind project. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to authorize Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, to proceed with the two options of an in-kind project and bring back to the Board. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Consent Order)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Public School Facilities Element SubGrant Agreement to be administered by West Florida Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, requested for the Board to pay \$226,159.39 to Anderson Columbia for the substantial completion of CR 160. Commissioner Merchant made a motion to approve with Commissioner Williams offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve \$2,950.00 for the purchase of Litter Enforcement Signs from Protection Services, Inc. with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Chairman Thomas asked the Board if there was any discussion regarding the County Administrator job description. There was no discussion. Chairman Thomas stated the description would be run in the newspaper as is.

(Job Description)

Commissioner King made a motion to rescind the letter written to Curt Miller Oil dated November 29, 2006 requesting an account be set up for Tri-County Community Council. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, gave a report on the Capital Improvement Schedule Update grant. She stated that the project was completed with a remaining balance of \$9,484.16 which was available for the Board to use for any purpose. She suggested that the Board consider the following encumbrances:

Bonus pay for Brenda Rogers for Supplementary Duties on the project	\$100.00
Bonus pay for John Hagans for Supplementary Duties on the project	\$150.00
Computer for Project Management Specialist	Not to exceed \$1,800
Survey for Gritney Fire Department Buy-out Program	Not to exceed \$1,000
Reimburse registration for Commissioners Williams and Merchant (previously approved)	\$600.00
Retrofit a County building to allow operation of generator-	Any remaining funds

Chairman Thomas stated that he would like to add a \$1,000 bonus for Amy to be included with this

recommendation. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve these recommendations with Commissioner King offering a second. Commissioners Williams, King, Music, and Thomas all voted yes with Commissioner Merchant voting no. The motion passed.

Rick Marcum, Opportunity Florida, addressed the Board concerning an agreement that will support a catalyst project for economic development with other area counties. The agreement will also give Holmes County the opportunity to submit sites for consideration as a regional catalytic site. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Commissioner King made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Will Morales, 4-H Director, with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to write a letter to the Early Learning Coalition concerning a budget request stating it is too late to be included in our budget, but if they submit it before June 1, 2007 it could be considered next year. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Smith, area resident, challenged the Board to bring Holmes County up to date with the rest of the world by removing old repressive laws that currently remain in effect.

Commissioner Williams asked what the next step would be regarding a letter written to a junkyard owner in his district. Gerald Holley, Attorney, stated after 30 days to check with him.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to set up a workshop with Debbie Morris, Supervisor of Elections to discuss the voting precincts being re-opened. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. Chairman Thomas stated he had not received any complaints and they didn't need to re-open the issue. Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Merchant voted yes. Commissioner King, Commissioner Music, and Chairman Thomas voted no. The motion failed.

Commissioner Music made a motion to get the Forestry Department to check and see how much timber can be sold from the forty acres at the M.C. Carnley Pit in District 3. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Gerald Holley, Attorney, stated the contract on the tower the County is purchasing should close sometime next week.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve a 30 day extension to Corbin Concrete for work being

done at D.D. Eldridge Park. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to authorize the submission of expenses for the State Highway System Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Program in the total of \$8,021.40. The total covers charges for materials, labor, and equipment for caution lights located throughout the county.

Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Expenses)

Ms. Lottie O'Berry, Dogwood Lakes resident, addressed the Board concerning a fire hazard next to her home and about the disposal of household items. Al Vetzal, Litter Enforcement, went over what the recycling center could accept.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Raymon Thomas, Chairman