

January 31, 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 Raymon Thomas, Commissioner Harold Smith, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

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

Wendell Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2006 Regular Session and January 12, 2006, Special Session. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stafford read a letter from the Selective Service System requesting a board member be appointed. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Commissioner Stafford read a letter from the Tri-County Airport Authority requesting funding. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to send a letter asking them to request this at the beginning of the next fiscal year budget. Commissioner King offered a second. Commissioner Smith voted no with all other Commissioners voting yes. The motion passed.

(Letter)

John Hagan, Special Project Coordinator, discussed the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department Project and asked the Board to set aside out of contingencies \$25,000 and have the administrative expenses ear marked once we get them back from FEMA to go back into the fund to pay it back. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The vote passed unanimously.

(Project Summary)

Kathy Ahlen, West Florida Regional Planning Council, discussed a Joint Participation Agreement with WFRPC and Florida Department of Transportation which includes a five year work program. Ms Ahlen stated she will help the Board prioritize their requests for FDOT to submit before they make a final decision. Ms. Ahlen asked for the Board's input to go on the five year work program for the years 2008-2011.

Bob Jones, Phillips-Jones, presented a Contract for Professional Grant Administration Services. Commissioner King made a motion to go ahead with the contract. Commissioner Smith offered a second. Commissioner Music voted no with all other Commissioners voting yes. The motion passed.

(Contract)

Commissioner Thomas discussed a prescription drug card program. The Board decided the cards will be distributed from area town halls, fire departments, and drug stores.

Commissioner Stafford read a letter from the library requesting salary increases and an increase in the budget for state-aid to libraries. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Commissioner Stafford discussed a request from Cindy Huckaby regarding her West Florida Regional Planning Council SHIP mortgage. The SHIP mortgage due is \$5000.00, but due to foreclosure on her home she is only able to pay back \$3400.00. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Darren Wall, Gulf Power, stated that February 10, 2006 will be the last day they will occupy the county building here in Bonifay.

Commissioner Thomas discussed a SHIP Program applicant was experiencing problems with the contractor that was providing the rehabilitation work to their home. The total needed to complete the work is \$3,000.00. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to instruct the SHIP Program to release the additional money to pay for the project. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to raise the minimum amount allowed for the SHIP Program rehabilitation from \$21,000 to \$25,000. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to recommend to the SHIP Program to make adjustments and to follow the CDBG Grant as directed. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King stated that Charles Brasington, ITERA, committed \$12,134.80 for the bridge located on Red Road and the Bonifay Gritney Road.

Tony Arrant, Small County Technical Assistance Program, stated he could help in updating the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code. Mr. Arrant discussed the process and timetable of the updates. Commissioner King made a motion to let Mr. Arrant go ahead with the process. Commissioner Music offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner King offered a motion to talk to Gerald Holley, Attorney, about the updating of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas stated he had received a final quote of \$716.40 more per year for the maintenance agreement on the Dictaphone at the 911 office. He also stated this amount will cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week maintenance. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve this amount. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas stated that Bobby Bryant wanted to cut his hours from 2 ½ days to only 2 days per week. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas stated that Ed Gassman, Florida Department of Transportation, had looked at the bridge on Hwy 179 and suggested that a slab jack be used to fill in the voids under the bridge. Mr. Gassman stated that it was possible that FL DOT could do this for the county. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to send a letter to Edward Prescott, Florida DOT, requesting their help in the repairs. Commissioner Music offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

John Seiben, Hatch Mott MacDonald, gave an update on Hwy 173, Hwy 10A, and Hwy 177A.

Brad Mims, Holmes County resident, gave a public apology for the manufacturing of methamphetamines.

Debbie Nichols, West Florida Regional Planning Council, thanked Commissioner Thomas for all his help.

Donna Armstrong, SHIP Program contractor, discussed work being done that she has not been compensated for due to the client disputing the quality of work and not signing off on the project. Ms. Armstrong asked to be compensated for what work has been done so far. Debbie Nichols, SHIP Program, stated their policy is to give 40% when the project is 50% complete and to pay 60% at the completion of the project. Commissioner Thomas made a motion for Ms. Armstrong to invoice 40% of

the completed work and 20% would be held. Commissioner Music offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Susan Sheidler, Holmes County resident, asked if a decision had been made on changing her land from Agricultural to Commercial. Commissioner King stated there had been no decision made due to some concerns that he was still checking on.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.