

July 25, 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.

Gerald Holley, Attorney, was present.

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

Wendell Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2006, Regular Session. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Collectors Recapitulation with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Recapitulation)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, writing the grant for the EOC building. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Gerald Holley, Attorney, to write an agreement with Michael Wuzbach regarding the well at Smith Crossroads Park. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Small County Technical Assistance Services application. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Application)

Commissioner Music made a motion to appoint Joey Marsh, Veterans Officer, as the Grievance Hearing Officer. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the amendments for the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion for Gerald Holley, Attorney, to prepare and advertise an ordinance that will allow the Clerk of the Courts to collect an additional \$3.00 with each civil traffic

penalty to be used to fund driver education programs in public schools. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Nick Nickoloff, West Florida Regional Planning Council, requested the Board to prioritize which roads they would like to be on the 5 year work program. The deadline will be the middle of September 2006.

The Board discussed a quote to repair a drain at the Old Bank of Bonifay. Chairman Stafford will contact the prison to see if inmates can assist in the repairs.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Blanket Bond with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bond)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Justice Assistance Grant for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Grant)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Harold Smith's reappointment to the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System Board. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Small County Solid Waste Grant Agreement in the amount of \$191,176.00. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Commissioner King made a motion to set the proposed millage rate at 9.75. Commissioners Thomas and Music voted no with Chairman Stafford, Commissioners Smith and King voting yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner King made a motion to set the 1st Budget Hearing on September 11, 2006 at 5:01 pm.

Commissioner Music made a motion to prepare and advertise for an ordinance to increase the Local Communications Services Tax to 1.85%. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to lift the burn ban with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to allow Gerald Holley, Attorney, to write a letter to Roger Taylor concerning installation of a culvert that had not been completed. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to use money from culvert permit collections to purchase a culvert needed in District 3. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas discussed equipment that needed to be declared surplus and sold at auction.

Commissioner Thomas stated they were going to make improvements to the Agriculture Center instead of the Farmer's Market for the Extension Service offices.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to start the process on the 13 month dump truck program with Mack Trucks. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas discussed the DEP Grant for Stream Crossings and stated that Three Rivers Resource Conservation could administer this project.

Wilburn Baker, Ambulance Director, requested \$70,000 to purchase a new ambulance chassis. The Board discussed it and will check with the Finance Office to see where the money is available from.

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

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Earl Stafford, Chairman