

March 14, 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 King made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2006, Regular Session. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the travel request for Wanda Stafford and Tiffany Majors to attend the Governor's Hurricane Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on May 9-11, 2006. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Travel Request)

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the travel request for Joey Marsh to attend the Spring 2006 VA Training Re-certification in Daytona Beach, FL on May 7-12, 2006. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Travel Request)

Commissioner Music made a motion to table the letter from the Planning Commission on West Florida Regional Planning Commission conducting an analysis survey to update the Future Land Use Map. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for the 911 PSAP System. The bids were as follows: Sprint \$ 40,938.26
Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve this bid with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bid)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the 911 Department to use the excess of the grant money received for the PSAP System to purchase a backup generator. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for Woven Geotextile. The bids were as follows:

Jerkins \$14,039.28

L.T. Elsey & Son, Inc. \$18,150.00

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the low bid to Jerkins. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the HCRA Claim # 4088744-01. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford discussed the Small County Outreach Program and the Small County Road Assistance Program with the Florida Department of Transportation. Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, asked for input from the Commissioners on roads to submit to these projects.

Chairman Stafford stated that the Building Department needed software that will help them track permitting and license renewals and make their department more efficient. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the purchase of Blackberry Software. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to advertise Ordinance # 06-03 on the Building Department Fees. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 06-03)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to let the Road Department collect the money for culvert permits. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas discussed the installation of culverts by Holmes County residents. He stated the county needed a policy relating to the installation guidelines. Commissioner Thomas stated they should table this until they could reach a decision on how to handle this.

Commissioner King stated he had talked to James Spears, county resident, regarding a bill for the county motor grader cutting a water line. He stated he was not going to approve payment for this.

Commissioner King stated he would like to look into closing eight cut off roads in the campsite area of Caryville. Commissioner King made a motion to hold a public hearing on closing these roads in District 1. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The vote passed unanimously. The Commissioners

will find out who owns the land the roads are located on and then make a decision on which roads to close.

Chairman Thomas made a motion to hire Sammy Shields as full time retroactive from 3/13/06. Chairman King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music stated the library needed \$3000 to complete work on their new building. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve taking the money from contingencies. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music stated he had a complaint about stop signs on Sam Ard Road and Gavin Road and possibly making it a 4-way stop. Mr. Music will research any wrecks at the intersection.

Commissioner King discussed road signs being stolen. Commissioner Thomas suggested the local newspaper write an article addressing this issue.

Chairman Stafford stated he needed approval to rent a motor grader to complete his FEMA work. Commissioner King made a motion to approve this with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford stated Tri-County Airport had received money from Jackson and Washington County. The Board decided to try to locate money for a donation.

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

Dick Badst, county resident, stated his concern that cell phone calls made in Bonifay to 911 were going to Washington County. Chairman Stafford stated Bonifay residential lines went to Holmes County but cell phones worked differently.

Donnie Parrish, county resident, stated he could not reach Mr. Albert Warren regarding the closing of Ander Brown Lane. The Board stated he could go ahead and close the road but it is contingent on documents from Mr. Parrish and Mr. Warren being drawn up with a 40' easement for Mr. Warren.

Commissioner Music stated he had received a complaint on Son In Law Road where dump trucks were tearing up the highway. He will check to see if there are any restrictions on truck size on the road.

Charles Corcoran, Esto Volunteer Fire Department, thanked the Board for proceeding with the Fire Assessment Study. He stated his equipment was in great need of repairs. He also stated he had requested

12 radios from the Board. Commissioner King stated the 12:50 Surcharge Committee had denied his request.

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