

March 28, 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 March 14, 2006, Regular Session and March 15, 2006 Special Session. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the SHIP Satisfaction of Mortgage for Adam & Chesney Ard and also Mary Jo Cummings. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Satisfaction of Mortgages)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to table the Subterranean Termite Policy Renewal with Cross Country Exterminators for the Health Department Building. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to advertise Ordinance 06-05 which amends Ordinance 05-09 on culvert permits. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Resolution 06-06 on Confederate History Month and Confederate Memorial Day. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #06-06)

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, discussed the FEMA buyout of the Gritney Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the buyout with Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, presented a power point presentation of the Choctawhatchee Equestrian Trails Project. Mrs. Loflin asked the Board for support in this project.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, discussed the Florida Forever Grant and showed pictures of

the improvements made on Roping Pen Road. Mrs. Loflin asked for the Board to approve pay off of the invoice to Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council. Commissioner King made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, asked the Board to approve the payment to Anderson Columbia on the CR 160 Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$1,875,897.86. Commissioner King made a motion to approve with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The vote passed unanimously.

David Ostuno, area resident, asked the Board for permission to close an easement road across his property and allow him to make a road along side the utility lines for a more direct route. The Board asked him to get a letter from West Florida Electric stating their approval and for him to talk with Calvin Blount who owns property on the back side of his for approval and present at the next Board Meeting.

Wilburn Baker, Ambulance Director, presented the Board with a quote on appliances and tile for the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner King made a motion to approve \$4295.22 from contingencies to finish the project. Commissioner Music offered a second.

John Hagans, Special Project Coordinator, presented the Board with a quote of unforeseen costs of \$3000.00 to be able to complete the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner King made a motion to approve a total request of \$7295.22 from contingencies to cover both requests. Commissioner Music offered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

John Hagans, Special Project Coordinator gave an update on District 2 Road Yard and the D. D. Eldridge Park.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, stated she was proud to have worked with John Hagans since coming to work for the County Commissioners.

Commissioner King made a motion to put the Rescue 7 Truck from the Ambulance Service at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Gwen Evans, New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, stated her concerns of the Board not presenting this matter to the NHVFD Board of Directors before making a decision. Mrs. Evans stated no objections to placing the truck from the Ambulance Service at the Fire Department, but would have liked to been contacted prior to the meeting. Commissioner Smith offered a second. Commissioner Thomas voted no with all other Commissioners voting yes.

Hubert Hendrix, Road Department, presented the Board with a resignation letter from Matthew Morgan, Road Department Mechanic. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to accept the letter with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

## (Letter of Resignation)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to post the position for a new mechanic. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford asked the Board to allow him to hire someone for FEMA in a temporary position in District 4. Commissioner King made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, stated Charles Corcoran, Esto Volunteer Fire Department, had requested a traffic light to be installed at the intersection of Hwy 2 and 79. Mrs. Loflin stated she had spoken with FL Department of Transportation regarding this. She also requested a formal letter from the Board requesting this. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the letter with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Bruner, area resident, discussed the problem with trash along the roadsides.

Commissioner King stated Mildred Music had work completed by a SHIP Contractor and was not able to close her door. The Board stated she should contact SHIP concerning this.

Connie Gillman, Chair of the 4-H Equestrian Advisory Committee, presented the Board with flyers that will be put in the schools. She stated there was a need for a place for the children in the 4-H program.

Chairman Stafford stated if the Board would approve for Will Morales, Extension Office, to go look around at land located in Prosperity that the County owns to see if it would be a good site for an arena to be built. The Board gave their approval.

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

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Cody Taylor, Clerk

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Earl Stafford, Chairman