

October 10, 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 Phillip Music, Commissioner Harold Smith 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 Music made a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2006, Special Session and September 26, 2006, Regular Session. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adapt the Hardee County Ordinance 90-01, which creates the position of County Administrator, for Holmes County and to set a public hearing date. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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

J & F Cleaning	\$129,264.71
Donna Hendrix	\$ 36,000.00
USSI	\$ 39,885.00

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the low bid with Commissioner Music offering a second. Commissioner Thomas asked the Board to table the decision and review the bids. Commissioner Smith withdrew his motion.

(Bids)

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for sod to be placed at the D.D. Eldridge Park. The bids were as follows:

West Florida Turf	\$95.00 per pallet	\$5415.00 total bid price
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Commissioner King made a motion to accept the bid with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bid)

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for concrete to be delivered to the D.D. Eldridge Park. The bids were as follows:

Jerkins	\$92.00 cost per yard (3000 PSI)	\$23,000.00 total
	\$95.00 cost per yard (3500 PSI)	\$23,750.00 total

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the bid for 3500 PSI concrete with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for chain link fencing for the D.D. Eldridge Park. The bids were as follows:

Triple J Fencing, LLC	\$ 8,300.00 labor
	\$14,000.00 cost of material
	\$22,300.00 total bid for project

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to table the decision with Commissioner King offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bid)

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Stafford opened the sealed bids for concrete forming and finishing for the D.D. Eldridge Park. The bids were as follows:

Corbin Concrete	\$.80 per sq ft	\$ 11,340.80 total bid
RCC	\$.94 per sq ft	\$ 13,325.44 total bid
IC Contractors	\$7.56 per sq ft	\$107,170.56 total bid

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the bid of Corbin Concrete with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the motor grader specifications as written with the addition of a 14 foot moldboard blade. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request from Holmes Creek Soil and Water Conservation District to increase the salary of Roger Crutchfield to \$30,000 per year. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Tullar, Division of Forestry, presented the Board with the Annual Forestry Report.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution 06-16, which increases the SHIP maximum purchase price of both new and existing homes to \$125,000 and also incorporates a new strategy for replacement housing. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 06-16)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Department of Environmental Protection Closure-Long Term Escrow Agreement Amendment. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Amendment)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to advertise the disposal of unclaimed automobiles located at the Agriculture Center after 20 days if not claimed by the proper owner and to include them in the surplus auction by the county at a later date. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve Clint Erickson's request to attend the Florida 911 Database Conference and 911 Coordinator Meeting to be held October 24-26, 2006 in Ft Pierce, FL. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas stated there needed to be representatives at a public workshop to be held October 19, 2006 at Gulf Coast Community College concerning the Water Management District. Commissioner Thomas made a motion for the Board to endorse a resolution from Collier County that states the Water Management District Governing Board should be elected rather than appointed. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford relinquished his position of chairman to Commissioner Music. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to write a letter to our representatives requesting funding to help our voting precincts meet all the requirements to remain open. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Music relinquished his position of chairman back to Commissioner Stafford.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, presented the Board with her list of projects for the Community Budget Issue Requests. They were as follows:

- Holmes County Health Department
- Holmes County Courthouse Renovations
- Fairgrounds Enhancement
- Farmer's Market
- Pittman Community Shelter
- Gritney Community Shelter
- Emergency Operations Center

Ms. Loflin also suggested that four transportation projects be included as follows:

- Hwy 177A
- Hwy 173 N (from Hwy 79 to Hwy 2 and from Hwy 2 to AL state line)
- Hwy 177 (from Hwy 2 to Hwy 179)
- Hwy 81A

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the additional requests and to set the public hearing date on October 31, 2006. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, gave an update on CR 160 and John Clark Hwy.

Clint Erickson, 911 Coordinator, requested approval to spend \$8799.00, which is left from a 911 grant. Mr. Erickson stated he needed an air conditioning system installed in the backroom, which holds the 911 equipment, a laptop computer, 2 monitors, and more training, which are all allowable to be purchased with the grant money. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve getting quotes on the air conditioning system and proceeding with the purchases. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie Gaines, area resident, addressed the Board regarding planning.

The Board discussed the railroad crossing located on New Effort Church Road. Commissioner Thomas stated that CSX had been contacted and that the county would be responsible for repairing the crossing. Commissioner Thomas stated he would get someone to look into the problem.

Mark Womble, area resident, addressed the Board regarding Chairman Stafford not returning his calls.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Earl Stafford, Chairman