

Tentative Budget Hearing  
September 11, 2006  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on the above date with the following members present, to wit: Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Commissioner Harold Smith, Commissioner Phillip Music, and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Mr. Dinkins opened the meeting with prayer and Chairman Stafford led the pledge.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a public hearing to discuss the millage rate and the proposed budget for 2006-07. Chairman Stafford stated that the rolled-back rate is 8.3086 and that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate is 17.35%. He also stated that the proposed millage was set at 9.75 in order to balance the General and Transportation Trust funds. The public was given opportunity to speak regarding this issue and no one responded.

Commissioner Thomas offered a motion to set the tentative millage at 9.75 with Commissioner King offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford asked if anyone had any revisions to be made to the proposed budget with no one responding. Commissioner Smith offered a motion to approve the tentative budget with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas offered a motion to set the final budget hearing for Monday, September 25, 2006 at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King informed the Board that the Recycling compactor was worn out and that parts were not available to repair it. He stated that there was a balance of approximately \$30,000 left in the grant and approximately \$40,000 available from County Recycling funds. Amy Loflin, Grants Coordinator, requested that the Board authorize the purchase of a refuse truck from state bid in the amount of \$88,372 pending availability of funds. Commissioner King offered a motion to grant this request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford stated that in the dirt pit for Districts 3 & 4, there is a large quantity of grey dirt that is worthless for use on the roads. He asked to remove this dirt and use at churches and some other areas to clean up the pit. The Board agreed.

Mr. Mike Alvis, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke with the Board about the Chamber's budget request. He asked the Board to reconsider and fund the \$15,000 instead of the \$5,000 allocated so that new carpet could be purchased for the building and other necessary repairs could be made. He also introduced the new Executive Director for the Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce, Mr. James Cherry. Mr. Cherry advised the Board that he was looking forward to working with them. Commissioner King asked Mr. Cherry if "Project Jim" was a dead issue with Mr. Cherry responding no, that it was a work in progress. Commissioner King also asked if Mr. Cherry had ever dealt with the "Blue Dolphin" before with Mr. Cherry responding no.

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting stood adjourned.

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Clerk

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Chairman