

April 18, 2007  
Special Session  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Kenneth Williams, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Monty Merchant, Commissioner Jim King and Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Chairman of the Board.

Sherry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.  
Sheriff Dennis Lee led the prayer and pledge.

Sheriff Lee addressed the board concerning a washing machine that was out of order and asked them to declare it an emergency to replace. Commissioner King made a motion to declare this an emergency and take the lowest of three quotes with Commissioner Merchant offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Kathy Ahlen, West Florida Regional Planning Council, went over the WFRPC staff and SHIP Advisory Committee recommendations for the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan. Members from the SHIP Advisory Committee present were: Ray Boswell, Buddy Curry, Shirley Hawthorne, Becky Prescott, Betty Slay, Wanda Stafford, Don Williams, and Betty Yancey. There was discussion on raising the purchase price limits from \$125,000 to a higher amount. The staff recommended raising this with the committee's recommendation to leave at the current amount. Perry Jackson, USDA, spoke and gave his support of raising the amount. Commissioner King made a motion to raise the purchase price limit on a new or existing home to \$200,000.00 with Commissioner Merchant offering a second. Commissioner Music voted no with Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Merchant, Commissioner King, and Chairman Thomas voting yes. The motion passed.

There was discussion on the Substantial Rehabilitation Strategy to raise the maximum cost for rehabilitation from \$25,000 to \$30,000 which was recommended by WFRPC staff or whether to lower it to \$20,000 which was recommended by the committee. WFRPC staff also recommended to delete the section that states to repair/replace/install air conditioning with be considered only with a written letter from a physician requiring it for medical reasons. Commissioner King made a motion to leave this section as it is currently written and let the SHIP Advisory Committee discuss this with the WFRPC staff regarding the cost of replacement housing. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the substantial rehabilitation strategy dealing with eligible heirs. WFRPC

staff recommended deleting this section and the committee recommended leaving as is. Setting up a repayment system for non-eligible heirs with the Clerk's office was discussed. Commissioner Williams made a motion to let WFRPC staff discuss this possibility with the Clerk's office. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the Disaster Mitigation Strategy regarding the residency requirement of 5 years which WFRPC staff recommends eliminating. Also the maximum award of \$7,500.00 which WFRPC staff recommends raising to \$15,000.00. Commissioner Williams made a motion to eliminate the residency requirement which the SHIP Advisory Committee agreed to and to let the Committee address the maximum award amount at their next meeting. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to let WFRPC submit the Local Housing Assistance Plan as the Board had amended for the May 1, 2007 deadline, and for the committee to address all other issues which can be amended at a later date. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(SHIP LHAP)

Amy Loflin, Project Management Specialist, presented the Board with the solicitation for requests for qualifications for the private detention center.

Mrs. Loflin also reminded the Board to give her their list of roads to submit for the Small County Outreach Program and the Small County Road Assistance Program prior to April 23, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

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Cody Taylor, Clerk

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Raymon Thomas, Chairman