

August 14, 2007
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

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

Mr. Greg Wood, County Administrator, was present.

Angie Jonas, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Mr. Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Thomas opened the meeting. He deviated slightly from the meeting agenda to ask the Board to sign the agreement with Attorney Brandon Young to represent the County. Commissioner King made a motion to sign the contract to hire Mr. Young as the County attorney. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Attorney's Employment Agreement)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the following consent items:

July 24, 2007 Special Session minutes

July 31, 2007 Regular Session minutes

Lease Agreement-Pine Log Fire Department

Solid Waste Franchise Agreements for Waste Management & Bowie's
Garbage Disposal

Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Lease Agreement, Solid Waste Franchise Agreement)

The Board discussed the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a home based firearms business for Mr. Larry Sayler of Westville. Mr. Sayler stated the business would be focused on the sale of firearms, body armor and other accessories to law enforcement officials. Mr. Sayler also informed the Board on his progress in obtaining necessary licensing and of the results of the inspections done by the regulatory agencies. Commissioner Music made a motion to allow Mr. Sayler to operate the business. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Recommendation letter, application)

Administrator Wood advised the Board that the current recycling truck was in need of replacement. He said that approximately half of the remaining \$53,0007.00 of the Small County Waste Grant could be used toward the cost of a new truck as well as \$44,000.00 of County Recycling funds. Commissioner King made a motion to allow Mr. Wood to purchase a new truck for recycling. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed requesting 200 loads of milling from Florida Department of Transportation for road maintenance and for use at the Westville Ambulance Station. Commissioner Music made a motion to authorize Chairman Thomas to sign the request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Request, Agreement)

Mr. Wilburn Baker, Holmes County Ambulance Director asked the Board for approximately \$4,101 in additional matching funds for the grant to purchase the new ambulance. Commissioner King stated that \$150,000 had been budgeted to use for various grant matches. Commissioner King made a motion to amend the EMS budget to grant this request. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas asked for the sick/vacation time agenda item to be tabled so that the newly appointed County Attorney could review it. Commissioner Williams made a motion to table the item. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wood submitted a list of "construction related" members to appoint to the Contractor Review Board and asked for two additional "non-construction" nominations. The Board authorized Mr. Wood to appoint two members to the Contractor Review Board with Mr. King sitting in at meetings as a non-voting member.

Ms. Kathy Ahlen, Administrator of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) requested approval for reallocation of funds and the appointment of a person to fill the banking/mortgage vacancy on the SHIP committee. She presented the following for consideration:

Ms. Malea Flanary of Acceptance Capital Mortgage

Ms. Christine Prescott of Peoples South Bank

The Board discussed revising the ordinance to change the twenty member committee to a nine member committee with two alternates thus lowering the quorum requirement. Mr. Wood agreed to work on the ordinance revision. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the nominations of Ms. Malea Flanary as an "at large" member and Ms. Christine Prescott as the "banking representative".

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Merchant made a motion to approve the reallocation of funds. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Mr. Wood presented a request for a new computer for the jail. The following quotes were submitted for a Dell computer system:

\$1575.32-base model

\$1649.04-upgraded/newer technology model

He advised that the price difference between the two models was about \$75.00 and made a recommendation to purchase the computer at the cost of \$1649.04, citing reasons such as longevity, reliability for purchasing the more expensive model. Commissioner King made a motion to purchase the computer for \$1649.04. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, advised that this purchase would be an operating expense budgeted under the Sheriff's budget and that a budget amendment would be the best way to allocate the funds for this if the Sheriff verifies that he has no budgeted money available. Commissioner King withdrew his motion with Commissioner Williams withdrawing his second. No action was taken.

Mr. Richard Gilmore, resident, expressed his dissatisfaction regarding recent amendments to the comprehensive plan regarding land use.

The meeting was adjourned.

Clerk

Chairman