

February 12, 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.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.
Chairman Thomas led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Thomas stated his concern that the Rum Road Project engineering design was not being completed on the entire 3.3 miles according to the scope of work in the agreement signed with Chastain Skillman. Mr. Pearce Barrett, Chastain Skillman, stated if the contract states this then they are obligated to complete the entire scope of work on the entire road. Chairman Thomas stated there might be other possible ways to fund paving for the remainder of Rum Road. Some other funding possibilities might be Road and Bridge money or possibly using a paving machine owned by the county. These will be considered at a later date. Chairman Thomas also stated it would cost approximately \$45,000 per mile to complete. Bob Jones, CDBG Project, stated that the paving would go as far as the money would allow. He also stated there is no money to bring bridges up to state standards and that he will still need to get right of way in some parts of the road. Mr. Jones said he was not sure exactly how much of the road would be able to be paved due to costs changing prior to bidding out the contract work. Mr. Barrett stated he hoped to have the design work completed and the job ready for bids by the June 07 Board Meeting. Mr. Jones stated that the state recognizes Hwy 2 as being the main road and that they see that everyone living on that road will benefit from being able to drive on a paved road before reaching Hwy 2 if the paving begins on the south end of Rum Road.

Bob Jones stated the plans and specifications were completed for the Pittman Fire Dept and will need to be submitted to the state and Rural Development for their review. He also stated the plans would be available for the Board to review.

Bobby Bryant, 911 Office, turned in his resignation effective February 12, 2007. Mr. Bryant also stated there were some concerns of wrong addresses in the 911 Office. Commissioner Merchant made a motion to accept the resignation with Commissioner Williams offering a second. Commissioner King and Commissioner Music voted no with Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Merchant and Chairman Thomas voting yes. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Raymon Thomas, Chairman