

July 24, 2007  
Special Session  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioner met in a Special 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.

Chairman Thomas opened the meeting and led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Thomas asked the Board to remove Commissioner Merchant as the alternate Public Risk Management Board Member and to appoint Sherry Fitzpatrick who manages the County's insurance program. He advised that an important insurance meeting would be held soon and Sherry would be attending as the County's representative. Commissioner King made a motion to remove Commissioner Merchant from the committee and to appoint Sherry Fitzpatrick. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thomas asked the Board to review the email from Ms. Sarah Blakely of the Florida Association of Counties regarding the millage rate and budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Wood updated the Board regarding the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Committee vacancies. He advised that he would bring names for the vacancies to a future meeting.

Mr. Wood advised the Board that the current insurance contract for Accidental Death and Dismemberment for unincorporated fire department members is set to expire July 31, 2007. He asked the Board to consider whether to renew the current contract or to explore other policy options. The rates provided by the Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Incorporated are as follow:

\$823.00	Annual Premium
\$2,343.00	Three Year Premium in installments of \$781.00
\$2,221.00	Three Year Prepaid premium

Mr. Wood advised that our current blanket policy carrier may be able to provide this coverage in the near future at a lower rate. Commissioner Williams made a motion to renew the contract for a period of one year. Commissioner Music seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(Premium contract)

Administrator Wood gave an update on the Sun Lake Development Project. He advised that the investors have a November deadline for the large scale land use amendment. He also advised that the West Florida Regional Planning Council, who had started this amendment, has now indicated that they will be unable to complete it. The Board presently has submitted a large scale amendment for “text changes” to the Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) which has not yet been approved. Commissioner King made a motion to withdraw the “text change” amendment from DCA, to resubmit it as “part A”, and to submit the Sun Lake amendment as “part B”. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the status of the acquisition of land for the new Emergency Management facility. Administrator Wood advised that the Board’s offer of \$7,500.00 per acre for a six acre parcel from American Forest Management had been countered with an offer of \$8,500.00 per acre. Commissioner King informed the Board that he had visited the site and found that due to uneven terrain, a large amount of site preparation would be required. Commissioner King also stated that the County owned land at the Agri-center that would be more suitable for this project. Commissioner King made a motion to build the new EOC on the Agri-center property if determined as suitable by all tests. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King Made a motion to allow Administrator Wood to have an engineer conduct the preliminary environmental testing to be sure that the site is suitable for this use. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed preliminary sketches for possible building layouts. No action was taken.  
(2 sketches)

Commissioner Music made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Clerk

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Chairman