

March 27, 2007
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular 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.

Gerald Holley, Attorney, was present.

Sherry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Wendell Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2007 Special Session, March 13, 2007 Regular Session, and March 15, 2007 Special Session. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve Budget Amendment # 1 with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Budget Amendment # 1)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Subterranean Termite Policy Renewal with Cross County Exterminators in the amount of \$225.00 for the Holmes Co. Health Department with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board appointed Commissioner King to serve on a Court Accessibility Team which will work on a project to develop a strategic planned document for courthouses to make them more accessible to all Floridians, including those with disabilities.

Commissioner Music made a motion to advertise to amend Ordinance 05-05 which is the local option fuel tax which would change the ending date to December 31, 2014. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 05-05)

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Base Grant Agreement for Emergency Management for the amount of \$9,261.00. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the request forwarded from the Planning Commission on Mr. Wilford Forehand to construct mini storage buildings on his own property. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the request forwarded from the Planning Commission on Mr. Harold Pitts to have a home based business located at 2080 Pitts Lane, Bonifay, FL, to service trucks with their general upkeep. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the request from the Holmes County Development Commission to hire Crystal Mae Linton in a temporary position to assist in the office. The Development Commission will completely subsidize her salary but they would like it to be processed through the County Commissioner's payroll department. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the job description for a County Administrator with Commissioner Williams offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Job Description)

Joe Clark, Library, gave thanks to the Board for considering the Bookmobile project.

Shep Eubanks, Extension Office, requested approval to hire Nicole Crawson as the new 4-H Agent effective April 20, 2007 Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Nicole Crawson in the position with Commissioner Merchant offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve a proclamation that would make the month of April Confederate History Month, and April 26 as a day of memorial to the memory of all Confederate veterans. Commissioner Williams offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proclamation)

Commissioner Music made a motion to purchase an excavator for District 4 in the amount of \$63,800 and also 4 bush hogs for the districts to use. The equipment will be financed and budgeted in the next budget year. Commissioner Merchant offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Merchant stated there had been complaints about motor graders dragging objects into the roadway. The Board agreed to send a memo to all grader operators stating the need to watch for objects and remove them from the roadways.

Commissioner King made a motion to hire David Cullifer in District 1 as a permanent full time Road Maintenance Tech effective April 5, 2007. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King asked for permission to hire a temporary road maintenance tech in District 1. Chairman Thomas stated he should find someone and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Music stated he knew someone that needed community service hours and asked if they could clean the bathrooms at some of the county's area parks. The Board said it was allowable.

Chairman Thomas stated that David English, District 3 Foreman, had estimated \$100,000 in labor, equipment and fuel to complete the baseball field at Poplar Springs School. The school board has been contacted and if they will rent a dirt pan and pay for the fuel, the county will try to do what they can to help. Chairman Thomas also stated that in the future that all requests for this type of work be brought before the Board for approval.

Chairman Thomas stated that requiring driveway permits for private property drives needs to be addressed. He asked the Board to look at the county comprehensive plan and be prepared to discuss at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Thomas asked the Board to make a list of any questions they would like to ask the three finalists that will be interviewed for the county administrator position and give them to Sherry Fitzpatrick in the County Commission Office.

Roger Williams, Building Department, asked the Board to move their part-time office help into a full-time position. Chairman Thomas stated that if they could wait a few weeks and get the County Administrator hired that they would look into hiring a planner for the county. He also stated he would get with the finance department and see how the budget looked.

Charles Smith, area resident, asked the Board to contact the State Agriculture Department and ask them to revise their invitation list. Mr. Smith felt more farmers needed to be invited to meetings like the Farm & Fuel Summit. Mr. Smith also addressed the issue of single district elections.

Jay Felsberg, Holmes County Times, addressed the Board about trash not being picked up at the park just down from Dogwood Lakes. The Board stated inmates took care of the trash pickup each Monday, but due to inmates not being available for work that the trash pickup was not always being done.

Brenda Rogers, Building Department, addressed the Board about filling the vacancy left on the

Planning Commission by Jerry Wright. Chairman Thomas stated this would be addressed at the next Board meeting.

John Hagan, Projects Manager, gave an update on District 4 timber being cleared, Agriculture Center renovations, and the Communications Tower.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Raymon Thomas, Chairman