

May 2, 2008  
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, and Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Greg Wood, County Administrator, was present.

Mr. Brandon Young, County Attorney, was present.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Sheriff Dennis Lee led the prayer.

Vice Chairman Music opened the meeting with the pledge.

Vice Chairman Music opened the meeting by stating that Chairman Thomas would be joining the meeting soon.

The Board began to discuss the Sheriff's parking lot paving project. The Board postponed this item until Chairman Thomas could join the meeting.

Commissioner Williams stated that the District Four inmate crew is in need of the following tools: pole saw, chain saw and diesel mower. He asked the Board to allow for the purchase of those items. Administrator Wood stated that his office had done some research and found the following prices for equipment: diesel mower-\$1600.00, pole saw-\$400, chain saw-\$300. Commissioner Music stated the jail also needs another mower as well. Chairman Thomas joined the meeting. Commissioner Williams made a motion to buy a pole saw, chain saw and a mower for his district at the prices quoted by Administrator Wood. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the cost of the resurfacing project for the Sheriff's parking lot. Chairman Thomas stated that the total cost of the project is \$5,710.00 which included the asphalt and tack coat at a price of \$3,700.00 and the labor price at \$2,010.00. He also stated that the Sheriff's Office had turned in \$1,764.00 for the scrap metal that was removed as part of the renovation, which could be used toward this project. Sheriff Lee advised that more funds would be forthcoming after the removal of the remainder of the metal. Commissioner King stated that the Leonard Edwards would be furnishing the roller for the project and applying the asphalt and that the County would be supplying and hauling the asphalt at the contract bid price from C.W. Roberts. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the resurfacing of the Sheriff's Department parking lot, with the funding for the project to come from contingencies. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thomas asked the Board to allow him to take some money out of the road material fund to do a resurfacing project at the Dogwood Lakes Subdivision. He stated that there are three roads in desperate need of repair and that Mr. Edwards would provide the labor with the County providing the asphalt. Commissioner King made a motion to purchase a limit of 300 tons of asphalt for the Dogwood Lakes paving project. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Wood stated that the church parking lot, where the Courthouse staff parks, is in need of repair. He stated that he had spoken to someone regarding the repairs and asked the Board whether to allow the project to proceed. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the grader bids. No action was taken on this item.

(Bids, Analysis)

Administrator Wood stated that Mr. Hubert Hendrix, Shop Foreman, may be out of work for an extended period of time due to a family health emergency.

Commissioner Merchant stated that the asphalt application has begun on Rum Road.

Commissioner Merchant stated that the Prosperity Park Committee is in need of volunteers and asked how the vacancies should be filled. Chairman Thomas stated that Commissioner Merchant could attend one of the neighborhood watch meetings and take a survey of citizen interest for filling the vacancies. He also asked how the Board would like the schedule for the park to be handled. Chairman Thomas stated the Park Committee would best be able to handle the requests. The Board agreed.

Commissioner King stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Pittman Fire Station will be taking place on Saturday May 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner King stated that the pipe for the CR 81A is ready to go into the ground and that the resurfacing for the project will begin next Tuesday.

Commissioner King stated that Mr. Fred Brown, Foreman, should be back to work next Monday after an extended illness.

Commissioner Music invited everyone to attend the benefit steak dinner taking place tonight at the Mt. Zion Church. He stated that the cost is \$10.00 per plate.

Commissioner Williams stated that Mr. Rusty Williams will be resigning from the Developing Commission. Chairman Thomas stated that he would like any nominations to be shared with Ms. Michele McDaniel, Planner, as well.

Chairman Thomas stated that he and Administrator Wood have met with Nigel Wells of F & W Construction. Mr. Wells had estimated the cost for the four long bridges and one relief bridge to be about \$1,000,000.00 if F & W did the repairs and had agreed to finance the work. Chairman Thomas estimated that \$750,000.00 would be the cost if Mr. Wells supplied used/materials with cosmetic imperfections with the County performing all of the approach and preparatory work on the bridges. He stated that the official quote from Mr. Wells was forthcoming. Commissioner King stated that Wire Bridge is in need of serious repair as well. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Brandon Young, County Attorney, stated that he is in need of an estimate for the repairs on the Shoe Fly Bridge in order to make a claim.

Mr. Jason Motley thanked the Board for the progress on the Rum Road project.

Administrator Wood updated the Board on the Prosperity Park surveillance cameras. He stated that he would like to investigate whether or not grant funds can be secured for the purchase of the cameras.

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

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Clerk

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Chairman