

November 13, 2009
Special Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Kenneth Williams, Commissioner Ron Monk, Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Monty Merchant, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Brandon Young, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board opened sealed bids for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project rock. Chairman Merchant explained that this was the second time that this material was put out for bid due to an addendum being added to the original specifications. The following bids were submitted:

Vendor	Material	Bid \$/Ton	Delivery Fees	Total Bid Including Delivery
Junction City Mining Company	#57 Granite Crushed Stone	\$22.00	\$4.25	\$26.25
	#4 Spring Rock	34.00	6.00	40.00
	Rip Rap	34.00	6.00	40.00
Earthworks Incorporated	#57 Granite Crushed Stone	9.35	22.50	31.85
	#4 Spring Rock	9.35	22.50	31.85
	Rip Rap	10.50	24.75	35.25

Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Steve Miller, of Earthworks Incorporated

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner King made a motion for the Attorney and Chairman to review the bids. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

The Board discussed the grant administration for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Gritney Fire Department and Rum Road improvement projects. Previously, the Board

had discussed the contract and rate negotiation with Mr. Bob Jones, of Jones-Phillips and Associates. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

Mr. Hilton Meadows, of Diversified Environmental Planning, discussed the progress of the Evaluations and Appraisals Report (EAR) to be prepared by Mr. Tony Arrant, consultant. The Board discussed deadline recommendations as well. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Mr. Carlton Treadwell, of the Planning Commission

Commissioner Williams made a motion to set a deadline of December 8, 2009 for Mr. Arrant to have a draft EAR prepared and meeting date set with the Planning Commission. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proposal)

The Board discussed a proposed automotive business venture that could be coming to the County. Commissioner Monk discussed the possibility of paving or improving Panhandle Lane, which led to the facility. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Carlton Treadwell, of the Planning Commission

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Commissioner Monk agreed that he would look into this. No further discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams updated the Board regarding the stimulus funded CR173 project and advised that striping was in progress south of Highway 2.

The Board discussed the FEMA landfill erosion prevention measures. The Board discussed the fabric type and what the procedure should be for obtaining the material. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Chairman Merchant advised that further information should be gathered and that this could be discussed at a later time. The Board agreed by consensus. The Board also discussed the pre-bid procedure for the project. Chairman Merchant asked whether Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant, should be preparing the bid package and if Mrs. Wanda Stafford, of the Emergency Management Department,

should be preparing the specifications. Commissioners Monk and Williams agreed that this was acceptable. He stated that he would discuss the project with Mrs. Stafford on Monday. No further action was taken.

Commissioner King advised that a well had collapsed on the property of Mr. Fred Wilson located on Highway 2. He asked if it would be allowable for him to haul some dirt to fill in the well. Commissioner King made a motion to fill in the well. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music advised that Mr. Mike Pitts has asked if he needed permission to level the shoulder of his property, located on Bonifay-Gritney Road, so that it may be bush hogged. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

By consensus, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Pitts to do the leveling.

Commissioner Music discussed a trash issue on Bonifay-Gritney Road. Commissioner King suggested utilizing an inmate crew for the cleanup effort.

Chairman Merchant advised that a local state of emergency resolution had been prepared on Monday, November 9th because of the severe weather associated with Hurricane Ida. He stated that he had forgotten to discuss it at the Tuesday night meeting. Commissioner King made a motion to declare the local state of emergency. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner King advised that he would like for the Chairman or Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court to declare a state of emergency should another situation arise in the future and the Board was not scheduled to meet. The Board agreed by consensus that when the State Emergency Management Department makes a recommendation for Counties to declare a local state of emergency, that the Chairman could authorize the Clerk to sign such declarations on behalf of the Board. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

No further action was taken.

(Resolution #09-23)

The Board discussed the proposed Contract with HDJ, Incorporated for fire alarm inspection services at the Jail. Previously, the Board had discussed this item and Attorney Young advised that he would be speaking with the company regarding the indemnity clause and other contract issues. He advised that changes had been made to his satisfaction regarding the indemnity clause limitations,

insurance provisions and contract early termination. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Tom Loucks, of the Jail

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(HDJ Contract)

Attorney Young updated the Board regarding the road issue lawsuit. He advised that he had received an amended complaint and that he would be preparing an answer soon. He also advised that there would be an upcoming executive session to discuss this item.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk

Chairman