

September 10, 2009
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 Ron Monk, Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Monty Merchant, Chairman of the Board.

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 the bids for the pavement marking projects that were submitted by Guettler and Guettler, Incorporated and Oglesby Construction for various thermoplastic and painting projects for the following roadways: CR 173N, CR 181, CR177, CR173 South, CR162 West, CR179, CR183A, CR 177-A, St. Johns Road, CR 2A, CR185, CR160 West and Sandpath Road. Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney joined the meeting. The Board discussed the bids and related projects. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Darryl Burnett, of Metric Engineering

Mr. Melvin Rhodes, of Metric Engineering

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner King made a motion to table this item so that the bids could be reviewed by the engineer and Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(See Bid Summary)

Chairman Merchant opened the sealed bids for culverts as submitted by Panhandle Lumber, Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company and HD Waterworks for the upcoming Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) storm related repairs. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner Williams made a motion to table this item for engineer review. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(See Bid Summary)

Chairman Merchant opened the sealed bids for the geotextile fabric as submitted by Jerkins, Incorporated and R.H. Moore and Associates, Incorporated for the upcoming FEMA storm related repairs. Commissioner King made a motion to table this item for engineer review. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(See Bid Summary)

The Board discussed the Department of Transportation (DOT) Small County Assistance Program (SCOP) Agreements and Resolutions #09-14 and #09-15 for Sandpath Road and CR162. Commissioner King made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreements. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(SCOP Agreements & Resolutions #09-14 & #09-15)

The Board discussed the Recycling Center Cardboard Agreement item. Previously, the Board had discussed charging a fee for cardboard pickup from local vendors. The Board agreed that Ms. Ann Payne of the Recycling Department would perform the vendor billing duties for this service. Attorney Young agreed that he would draft the proposed agreement after he had spoken with Ms. Payne. The Board agreed by consensus.

Mr. Dick Walton, citizen, stated that he had become injured as a result of his slipping on the steps at Wayside Park. Attorney Young advised him to speak with Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant, regarding paperwork to be filed with the County's insurance company. The Board discussed park conditions and the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant that was utilized for construction of the Park.

The Board discussed the sale of the older District Three motor grader. Since more information was needed regarding the method of sale for this item, Commissioner Monk agreed to add this item to an upcoming meeting agenda for discussion.

The Board discussed the Joe French Road Dirt Pit site. Commissioner King stated that it had been realized that the previously surveyed line was not in a desirable location for the dirt pit. He asked the Board if it would be allowable for the company to increase the land plot size approximately five acres to include the rest of the hill. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney.

Commissioner King made a motion for Kathman Surveying to proceed with the survey of the additional

acreage. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music stated that he had received a letter from Sergeant David Drake, of the Highway Patrol, requesting a change in speed limit on a section of from Emerson Road. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Music stated that he would gather more information regarding this topic. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the approaching expiration of the temporary, part time position in the Administrative Assistant's Office. Previously, the Board had hired Ms. Tara Owens for a period of ninety days. Chairman Merchant stated that the end date for the position was September 19, 2009. The Board discussed the office workload, which included Planning and Zoning functions as well as State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) duties. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Music made a motion to retain Ms. Owens for an additional ninety days as a temporary worker. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Agreement and Resolution #09-16 which would allow DOT to negotiate the purchase of property for a right of way on behalf of the County for the Rum Road Bridge project. Commissioner King made a motion to authorize DOT to negotiate with the landowner for the purchase. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(DOT Agreement, Resolution #09-16)

Attorney Young reminded the Board of the upcoming Executive Session to be held September, 17 2009 regarding union negotiations.

Chairman Merchant asked the Board to review the proposed contract with Doctors Memorial Hospital for Inmate Healthcare Services, and advised that action should be taken at the September 17, 2009 meeting.

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

Clerk

Chairman