

September 29, 2009
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 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.

Mr. Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the following consent items:

August 27, 2009 Budget Workshop Minutes

September 1, 2009 Budget Workshop Minutes

September 8, 2009 Regular Session Minutes

September 8, 2009 Executive Session Minutes

September 8, 2009 Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes

September 10, 2009 Special Session Minutes

September 17, 2009 Executive Session Minutes

September 17, 2009 Special Session Minutes

Resolution #09-19 to Petition to Extend Rural Area of Economic Concern

Development Commission Board Position Recommendations

SHIP Satisfaction of Mortgage: Olivia Tinsley

Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Base Grant Agreement
(EMPA)

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Emergency Management Department travel request to a conference in Orlando. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the travel. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Request)

The Board discussed the Health Department contract agenda item, but since the Department representative was not immediately present, the Board decided to wait to discuss this item.

The Board discussed the air conditioning quotes for the Board's Administration Building. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mrs. Lori Patterson, citizen

Mr. Cliff Thompson, citizen

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner Williams made a motion to award the low bid of \$3,000.00 submitted by Crutchfield Enterprises for the York brand unit. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Chairman Merchant voting no, and all others voting yes.

(Quote Summary)

The Board revisited the Health Department Contract item. Ms. Holly Segers, Health Department Administrator, discussed the budget and asked if the \$10,000.00 that was being retained for maintenance could be utilized for the maintenance person's salary or other maintenance expenses should there be no major repairs during the upcoming fiscal year. She advised that she would begin bringing the basic maintenance related expenses, which the Health Department had been incurring, to the Board for payment. Commissioner Williams stated that this topic should be revisited at a date during fiscal year. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Commissioner Music made a motion to sign the contract with the Health Department. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

The Board discussed the Health Department parking lot issue. Attorney Young stated that he would contact the Hospital Board regarding the use of their lot. No action was taken on this item.

Ms. Holly Segers discussed the air conditioning and insulation at the Health Department building. She stated that the recent repairs had improved the conditions in the building and that insulation would be helpful as well. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the wireless alert system which would provide a measure of security for the Courthouse. A cost estimate of \$10,937.00 was previously submitted for the system which would be paid for by utilizing Courthouse Facilities funds. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Sergeant Keith Goddin, of the Holmes County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the purchase of the system. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the 2002 tax certificates agenda item. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

The Board agreed by consensus to take no action and to revisit this topic at a later date.

The Board discussed the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) position item. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Ms. Shirley Hawthorne, SHIP Committee Chairperson

Ms. Joann Ellis, citizen

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

No action was taken on this item.

Dr. Jessie Mills, citizen, spoke regarding a resolution in support of action opposing the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and stated that he wanted to send the document to several public offices. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution #09-20. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner Monk voting no, and all others voting yes.

(Resolution #09-20)

Dr. Jessie Mills spoke regarding a gun bill and resolution of opposition to the bill. He presented copies of the resolution to the Board for review. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Cliff Thompson, citizen, spoke regarding a drainage issue at the end of Lisenby Avenue. Commissioner Monk stated that he would look into the issue.

Mrs. Lori Patterson, citizen, spoke regarding her driveway flooding and an obstructed view issue on Fairway Drive at Dogwood Lakes Highway. Commissioner Monk stated that he would look into this issue.

Mrs. Lori Patterson spoke regarding the quotes received and the specifications for the aforementioned air conditioning repair for the Board's Administration Building. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, County Attorney

No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Williams stated that he had received a rock hauling request from Paul Fish Farms and that the Farm would pay for the rock and the fuel. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the rock hauling request. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant stated that the lumber from the old Rum Road Bridge had been removed and that it was located at the District Two Yard. Commissioner King made a motion to declare the lumber surplus. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner King made a motion to accept bids for the material. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant stated that Mr. Richard Gainey and Mr. Jeremy Benton, of the Road Department, had both applied for the District Two Grader Operator position that had been posted. He advised that although Mr. Richard Gainey had more seniority than Mr. Benton, Mr. Gainey had declined the position. Commissioner King made a motion to hire Mr. Jeremy Benton as the Grader Operator. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant updated the Board regarding stimulus funding for road projects and stated that an additional \$97,608.00 may be coming to the County.

Commissioner King asked when the bids would be coming in for the Sandpath Road project.

Chairman Merchant stated that they were expected in October.

Attorney Young updated the Board on an outstanding legal issue regarding a road in District One. He advised that there had not been a ruling yet on the motion to dismiss that had been filed.

Attorney Young advised that there would be an executive session regarding union negotiations following this meeting.

Commissioner King spoke regarding Sandpath Road and a redesign to a curve on the Road. No action was taken on this item.

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

Clerk

Chairman