

January 18, 2011  
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 Monty Merchant, Commissioner Jim King and Commissioner Ron Monk, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Monk opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

The Board met to discuss financing proposals for the purchase of backhoes for the Road Department. Chairman Monk advised that previously, the Board had voted to purchase four new backhoes from Beard Equipment, but that the lease buyout for the District Three Backhoe would be less cost efficient than to purchase an additional new backhoe. Commissioner Williams made a motion to turn the lease backhoe back in to Flint Equipment and purchase a fifth new backhoe from Beard Equipment equipped to the same specifications as the previous four machines. Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams made a motion to finance the five backhoes and the lease buyout on the District Five leased excavator with SunTrust Bank at the 2.57% interest rate. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mrs. Alice Vickers, Finance Supervisor

(Interest Rate Sheet)

The Board discussed several position openings within the Road Department. Chairman Monk advised that he had a Heavy Equipment Operator position in District Five that he would like to begin advertisement for on Wednesday, Commissioner King discussed two bridge crew positions that he would like to advertise "in house", Commissioner Merchant advised that he would like to post the District Two Grader Operator position as he had hired Roger Brannon into the Road Foreman position. The Board agreed by consensus to advertise for these positions.

The Board discussed two Recycling Department items. Commissioner King advised that Ms. Ann Payne, of the Recycling Department, had drafted a tracking form to be completed when items are removed from the site by other department employees and agencies. The Board agreed by consensus for the form to be utilized. Commissioner King asked that Mrs. Sherry Snell Fitzpatrick, Administrative Assistant, distribute the form. Commissioner King advised that he would like for some scrap metal items to be moved to the Recycling Department from the Shop by Ms. Payne and the inmates, rather than

including it in the upcoming Surplus Auction. The Board agreed by consensus. Ms. Payne and Mr. King discussed transport options. No further action was taken.

(Form)

The Board discussed the distribution of inmate crews throughout the Districts. Chairman Monk suggested bringing ideas for more equal inmate crew distribution to the next meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Merchant advised that milled asphalt would not be readily available through the Department of Transportation (DOT) as it had been.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney, asked that an executive session be advertised and scheduled following the next Regular Session so that pending lawsuits could be discussed.

Mr. Clint Erickson, 911 Director, advised that the 911 generator had become overloaded and that during a recent power outage, the current generator was unable to handle the load of both 911 and the Sheriff's Department equipment. He also advised that he had been researching solutions to this issue and that he had discussed the issue with Pat's Electric and Buck's Electrical Contracting for moving the generator from the Administrative Building to the 911 Office. He advised that there had been some misunderstanding during the quote process and that Mr. Buck Hood, of Buck's Electrical Contracting, was requesting payment for his services during the quote process. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Mr. Buck Hood, of Bucks Electrical Contracting

Other discussion included the following: the age of the Administrative Building generator, generator loans to other municipalities, the quote process and Board authorization for project work. Commissioner Williams advised that he would like Mr. Erickson to locate the loaned generators and determine whether they will operate the 911 system and if they will, write specifications to get the system running, and go out for bids for the electrical service to make the generator system operational. Mr. Erickson also advised that he would discuss the specifications with Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector. The Board agreed by consensus not to pay the invoice from Buck's Electrical Contracting.

Commissioner King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Clerk

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Chairman