

August 9, 2011  
Budget Workshop  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Kenneth Williams, Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Monty Merchant, and Commissioner Ron Monk, Jr., Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

The Board discussed that the proposed millage was set at the rolled-back rate of 9.6605 and that cuts must be made to balance the proposed budget.

The following cuts were made to the General Fund budget:

Tax Collector-Salaries & Benefits	\$ 7,000
Circuit Judge	\$ 2,200
County Judge	\$ 650
Sheriff	\$75,000
Judicial-Courthouse Security	\$35,000
Extension Service-Salaries, FICA, Retirement	\$ 8,557
Fire Control	\$45,000
Planning & Zoning-Professional Services	\$29,300
Miscellaneous	\$51,050

The Board discussed Courthouse Security. Discussion included using part time employees to fill the equivalent of one full time position with a wage of \$12.00 per hour and also who would be responsible for scheduling and supervising the employees. No action was taken.

The Board discussed Animal Control. Commissioner Merchant advised that a commissioner from Walton County had requested that Holmes County present a proposal to them and that a cooperative agreement might be reached to help the County with animal control. Mr. Ronnie Bell, former Walton County Administrator, advised that Walton County had an ordinance in place which clarified the County's intention to only provide "animal control" for dogs and cats. Other discussion included contracting with Dr. Anderson of Chipley and the need to develop a "spay and neuter" program. No action was taken.

The following cuts were made to the Transportation Trust budget:

Repair & Maintenance	\$20,000
Repair & Maintenance-Inmates	\$ 5,000
Bonifay Road & Bridge	\$45,000

The following additions were made to the General Fund budget:

Miscellaneous – Chamber of Commerce	\$ 750
Fire Control	\$ 3,500

The Board discussed fire department funding. Discussion included requiring a report from each department detailing how the County contribution was expended, requiring each department to complete a "Miscellaneous Appropriation Agreement" with the County before receiving funding each year, and asking the Holmes County Fire Association to make recommendations for funding each year based on the number of runs each department has made. No action was taken.

The budget was balanced.

Mrs. Susan Harris, Library Director, discussed salary increases for Library personnel. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the outstanding County debts for the old "Bank of Bonifay" building and the loan on the Fair complex. Discussion included current payment amounts, loan terms, and amounts saved by the County if both loans were paid off early. No action was taken.

Mr. Clint Erickson, 911 Coordinator, updated the Board regarding the Tower generator which was damaged by lightening. He advised that the cost to repair it would be approximately \$1,500 and that a claim would be filed with the County insurer. He also discussed the generator which was currently being installed at the 911 building and advised that a change in the configuration of the generator must be done at an additional cost of over \$500 before installation could be completed. No action was taken.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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Clerk

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Chairman