

April 13, 2010  
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.

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

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

March 23, 2010 Executive Session

March 30, 2010 Regular Session

PRM Annual Educational Conference Travel Request for Sherry Fitzpatrick

12.50 Surcharge Request

Tourist Development Appointments: Alicia Gonsalves, Shane Schiller, Teresa Bush,

Alternates: Carlton Treadwell, Anita Coates,

Continuing Alternates: Rosalee Locke & Nolan Baker

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the hours of operation and lunch period schedule for the Recycling Center. Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, advised that Ms. Payne, departmental employee, should not be working during her scheduled lunch periods, and that this should eliminate overtime. Commissioner King made a motion to set the Recycling Center hours for Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a half hour lunch break. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ann Payne, discussed the upcoming Energy Star incentive program, taking place April 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, for recycling of unwanted appliances. She stated that she had drafted a rebate form to provide to citizens that are turning in their appliances and asked for Board approval. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the form.

The Board discussed the Requests for Qualifications (RFQ)/Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Comprehensive Plan consultant work. Chairman Merchant advised that Attorney Young had drafted a RFP and the Board discussed it. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Hilton Meadows, citizen

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Commissioner Williams made a motion for Attorney Young to revise the RFP and bring it to the next meeting. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Draft RFP)

Mr. Bennie Little, citizen, discussed the New Hope emergency generator wiring. Mr. Clint Erickson, of 911 Mapping and Addressing, advised that there was a misunderstanding and that this work had already been completed for the 911 communications portion of the project and was paid by State 911 grant funds.

The Board discussed animal control and the related ordinance. Mrs. Connie Mason, Owner of the Dogwood Lakes Golf Course, discussed the ongoing nuisance dog issue at her place of business. Mr. Will Morales, of Ben's Place Animal Rescue, advised that he would be willing to take an animal control course at his own expense to help remedy this situation, but that he would need the Board's permission to do so. Attorney Young advised that there was an ordinance from 1986 that addressed this issue, but that the County did not have an animal control officer in place for these instances. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Bennie Little, citizen

Mr. Clint Erickson, of 911 Mapping and Addressing

Mr. Bill Ford, citizen

Commissioner Williams made a motion for Attorney Young to draft a contract for consideration which would include a provision for Mr. Morales to attend the course for animal control, and that the Board would be interested in his animal control services with no offer of employment by the County. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner Monk voting no, and all others voting yes. Attorney Young advised that he would research the related ordinance and discuss Mrs. Mason's issue with the Sheriff. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed the Building Department's storage arrangement. Commissioner Williams advised that the file storage in the basement air conditioning area was not adequate, as damp conditions were causing deterioration to the storage boxes. He stated that there was available storage at the former Gulf Power Building/Veterans Services office site, and asked if the Board was agreeable to moving storage items to that location. Mr. Roger Williams, Building Official, stated that he was agreeable to this. Commissioner Williams made a motion for the Building Department to move their stored files to the Gulf Power Building. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Monk discussed a culvert installation at a residence on Dogwood Lakes Highway. He advised that the property owner had purchased the culvert; however, the driveway was paved, so he asked how he should proceed in this instance. Attorney Young advised that the homeowner should be responsible for the cost of the asphalt. Commissioner Monk stated that he would look into the policy regarding this situation. No action was taken on this item.

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

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Clerk

Chairman