

April 25, 2006
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 Jim King, Commissioner Raymon Thomas, Commissioner Harold Smith, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Sherry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Gerald Holley, Attorney, was present.

Earl Stafford led the prayer and pledge.

Tony Arrant, Small County Technical Assistance Services, discussed the updates for the Comprehensive Plan. The Board presented Mr. Arrant with their concerns that need to be reviewed.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

Pursuant to Public Notice, a Public Meeting was held to discuss and receive input on the proposed Pittman Fire Station as well as the intent to apply for financing for such improvements through the USDA, Rural Development Office. There was no public discussion.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a Public Hearing to consider adopting Ordinance 06-05, Culvert Installation. There was no discussion from the public. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the ordinance with Commissioner Music offering a second. Commissioner Stafford and Commissioner Smith both voted no with all others voting yes. The motion passed.

(Ordinance 06-05)

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a Public Hearing to consider adopting Ordinance 06-04, Subdivision Paved Roads. There was no discussion from the public. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the ordinance with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 06-04)

Larry Simpson, Judkins, Simpson & High, recommended to the Board to approve and settle the case of Hughes vs Holmes County for \$50,000. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve with Commissioner King offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Settlement Agreement)

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2006, Regular Session. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve HCRA Claim #00605500721. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Resolution 06-07 declaring Emergency Medical Services Week May 14-20. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 06-07)

Commissioner Music made a motion to renew the Audit Engagement Letter with Carr, Riggs, & Ingram. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to leave the lawn sprinkler system at the Gulf Power Building and not repair it. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to advertise for proposals for Engineering/Architectural Services for the Courthouse Air Conditioning Renovations. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Camille Tharp, Government Services Group, gave a status report on the Fire Protection Assessment Process.

Bob Jones, Grants Manager, discussed the Pittman Fire Department Grant Application. Commissioner King made a motion to authorize Mr. Jones to complete the final application. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Jones, Holmes County Historical Society, discussed the Cerrogordo Historical Park. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to consider putting the park on the county's special projects list. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Parker, Florida Department of Transportation, discussed the proposed Department of Transportation Operations Center in Ponce de Leon, FL. Mr. Parker requested a waiver to proceed with the planning while the re-zoning is being processed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford read a list of uses for the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Wilburn Baker, Ambulance Director, asked the Board what his responsibility was for the NHVFD building. Commissioner Smith made a motion to put Mr. Baker over the building. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Health Department getting a lease to buy modular building which will be placed in the NE corner of the parking lot at the Ag Center and to be used as a Dental Clinic. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to allow Tony Arrant, Small County Technical Assistance, to write an ordinance in conformity with his letter and presentation to begin to amend the Comprehensive Plan and to amend the Land Development Code. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas discussed the equipment at the 911 office. Mr. Thomas stated a newer Viper System is now available and more advanced than the Positron Lifeline 100 system that was approved to purchase by the Board. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve purchasing this newer system, the backup, and the maintenance. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Service and Equipment Agreement)

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to give two cell phones from the 911 Office to the Grants Department and to purchase one Nextel phone for the 911 Office. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move the equipment used to make road signs to the work camp for the inmates to use. Mr. Thomas stated he had discussed this with Sheriff Lee. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas asked all Commissioners to get each District Road Foremen to verify all road names with the signs posted.

Commissioner Smith asked the Board to put a sign on the outside of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department in appreciation of Ruth Howell Williams who donated the land for the fire department. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music stated Mr. Howard Blount had questions regarding an easement. Mr. Blount discussed this with Gerald Holley, Attorney.

Commissioner Music made a motion to hire Sherry Hagans as FEMA Project Manager in District 3. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King made a motion to hire Lawrence Brown as a FEMA Worker in District 4. Commissioner Smith offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford stated there were two vans that had been donated to the prison and had to be returned to the county. Commissioner King made a motion to give the vans to District 1. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Smith stated there would be an open house on May 13, 2006 at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

John Hagans, Projects Manager, stated there had been a situation at the wayside park located on Hwy 79. Mr. Hagans requested approval to purchase security cameras to be placed in this park along with surveillance signs. Commissioner King made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

John Hagans, Projects Manager, asked the Board to send a letter to Warden Hamilton thanking him for Eddie Vickers' and Jeff Donaldson's work at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, presented the Board with Roadway Evaluations on the roads submitted to her for the SCRAP/SCOP DOT Programs. The Board stated Hwy 177A should be submitted for the SCRAP Project and Hwy 177 and 173N should be submitted for the SCOP Project. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve with Commissioner Smith offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Loflin, Special Projects Manager, stated she is still working on a date for the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department Ribbon Cutting.

Dick Badst, area resident, stated there was a problem with ATV's being rode on public roads.

Hubert Hendrix, Shop Foreman, requested to hire Jeffrey Whitehurst as Mechanic II. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Otis Corbin, Jr., Property Appraiser, stated the AS 400 system in his office was dangerously close to full capacity. Mr. Corbin asked the Board for \$32,117.00 to purchase a new system. Mr. Corbin also stated he had \$10,000 in his budget to contribute. Chairman Stafford stated he would need to check the budget for funding and would bring it back to the Board.

Brenda Rogers, Building Department Secretary, asked the Board to approve Sharon Harris to work as needed in the Building Department. Clint Erickson, 911 Office, also asked for Mrs. Harris to be approved in his office during emergencies. The Board stated there would be no problem with doing this.

There being no further business, Commissioner King offered a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cody Taylor, Clerk

Earl Stafford, Chairman