

April 27, 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.

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:

April 13, 2010 Regular Session Minutes

April 20, 2010 Executive Session Minutes

Proclamation of Mental Health Month-May

Chairman Merchant read the proclamation. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Safety Committee Requests. The request outlined the priority of departmental safety related repairs as suggested by a safety inspector with EMS Department repairs, Road Department Shop repairs and Board meeting room carpet topping the list. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the requests. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Safety Committee Requests)

The Board discussed the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) Local Housing Initiative Plan (LHAP) and supporting Resolution # 10-06. Previously, this item had been tabled for committee review. Commissioner King made a motion to “take the item off of the table”. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Shirley Hawthorne, SHIP Committee Chairperson and Ms. Betty Slay, SHIP Committee member, discussed their opposition to some language in the resolution. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the LHAP and Resolution #10-06. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioners Monk and Williams voting no, and all others voting yes.

(LHAP, Resolution #10-06)

The Board discussed the caution light item. Chairman Merchant presented information regarding this topic and advised that it was his understanding that by replacing current caution signal lights with the light emitting diode (LED) bulbs, there would be a cost savings on the

electric bills for the County. The cost to change out the bulbs was estimated to be \$840.00. The following signal crossings were submitted for consideration:

SR 2 & CR 177  
SR 2 & CR 177A  
SR 2 & CR 171  
SR 2 & CR 79  
SR 2 & CR 179A

Commissioner Williams made a motion to change to LED bulbs in the caution signals. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lorna Anderson, of Animal Control of West Florida Incorporated, discussed animal control services offered by her company. The Board discussed this topic. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Zach Clemmons, citizen, delivered a public apology as part of his court ordered retribution for a drug related offense.

(Certification)

Commissioner Williams discussed hiring a temporary worker in his district to assist with mowing. He advised that this position would only be for six months with an hourly pay rate of \$9.00. Commissioner King made a motion for Commissioner Williams to hire a temporary worker for this position. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Williams asked for clarification of previous action taken regarding the Building Department operating hours, specifically whether the department was to be open five days per week and that Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector, had a five day work week schedule. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner King advised that he had received a request from Mr. Paulk on Highway 2 to haul lime rock from White's Construction in Chipley to his home. He stated that Mr. Paulk would pay for the lime rock and the fuel. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the rock hauling. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music advised that he would like to get an estimate for the repaving of Oklahoma Street between Highway 90 and CR 173. He advised that he would speak with Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, to discuss whether Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) funds might be utilized for this proposed project. Chairman Merchant stated that it would be allowable for him to bring an estimate to the Board.

Chairman Merchant updated the Board regarding the paving for the CR 162 Small County Assistance Program (SCOP) road project. He advised that it would begin soon.

Chairman Merchant advised that Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, had requested nominations for the committee/community advisory taskforce for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. He asked that those nominations be brought to the next meeting.

Chairman Merchant updated the Board regarding a recent meeting in Tallahassee at which budgetary information had been discussed.

Mr. Tamphus Messer, citizen, discussed a litter issue at the Cerro Gordo Boat landing. Chairman Merchant stated that inmate crews normally pick up at the site, and that someone would look into this issue.

Mr. Tamphus Messer, citizen, asked for an update regarding his prior request for information regarding the cost for changing his road name from Bylsma Road to Tom Messer Road. The Board discussed this topic, but no action was taken.

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

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Clerk

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Chairman