

August 30, 2011
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

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

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Monk opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board met in a Workshop on the above date to hear a presentation regarding the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development's (OTTED) grant award as presented by affiliated representatives of Opportunity Florida for the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA) project. This grant award would potentially bring faster rural broadband internet service to area rural Counties, but required resource matching obligations by the County and area municipalities. Mr. Rick Marcum, Executive Director of Opportunity Florida, Ms. Crystie Carey, Attorney, and Mr. Jim Brook, Development Commission Executive Director, presented information regarding the following topics: County participation, County responsibility, County and municipality resources as related to grant matching requirement, network plans, tower maintenance and projected benefits as related to rural broadband development plans for the area. They asked the Board to consider participation in the grant resources match program. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

(Program Information)

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

Clerk

Chairman