

August 31, 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:

August 10, 2010 Executive Session Minutes

August 10, 2010 Regular Session Minutes

August 17, 2010 Budget Workshop Minutes

August 19, 2010 Budget Workshop Minutes

Chipola Regional Workforce Board Nominee: Jeffery Johnson

Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System (PPLCS) Board Nominees

Mosquito Control Spray Equipment Recommendation

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Agreement with Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) that re-designated the County as a Rural Area of Economic Concern (RACEC). Chairman Merchant advised that this was an annual contract. Commissioner Music made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Memorandum of Agreement)

The Board discussed Resolution #10-09 in opposition of the passage of the septic tank provisions in Bill 550. Speaking regarding this topic were the following:

State Representative Brad Drake

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Mr. Ewan Moore, citizen

Mr. Richard Harrison, citizen

Mr. Hilton Meadows, citizen

Mr. Charles Smith, citizen

Mr. Tamphus Messer, citizen

Mr. Alan Gray, of West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Mr. Charlie Gaines, citizen

Commissioner King made a motion to sign Resolution #10-09. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #10-09)

The Board discussed the EMS Service item. Attorney Young advised that action should be taken to bring this item back to the table for discussion. Chairman Merchant relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Music. Commissioner Merchant made a motion to discuss this item. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion included County vehicle use by Jerome Szczekot, EMS Director, and a section of the employee manual that outlined residency requirements for Department Heads. Commissioner King made a motion to exempt Mr. Szczekot from the residency requirement, and also for the County vehicle that he utilizes to be parked at the Ambulance Service. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner Music voting no, and all others voting yes.

The Board discussed the Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Agreement with West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and an invoice in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the 2009-2010 work completed related to the Small Quantity Generator Contract. Commissioner Music made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement, Invoice, Report)

The Board discussed the Construction/Contractor Review Board member nominations. The following nominations were submitted for approval:

District One	Mr. Jim Locke
District Two	Mr. Tim Wright
District Three	Mr. Bobby Middlebrooks
District Four	Mr. Richard Kelly
District Five	Mr. Josh Smith

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the nominations. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Municipal Park Lease Agreement with Plum Creek Land Company for the Lake Cassidy boat ramp area. Attorney Young advised that provisions had been included regarding road maintenance, litter removal and law enforcement. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jim Brook, of the Development Commission

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Commissioner Music made a motion to enter into the agreement with Plum Creek Land Company. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Lease)

The Board discussed the certificate of final completion, contract change order summary, final change orders and certificate of substantial completion for the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) CR162 project. Commissioner Music made a motion to sign the final documents. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Requests)

The Board discussed Change orders # 3 and # 4 for the SCOP Sandpath Road project which were to increase the project amount an additional \$11,800.00 from the original contract from \$446,760.86 to \$545,721.36 for additional paving and extend Anderson Columbia's contract completion date an additional fourteen days. Mr. Brian Lemieux, of Greenhorne and O'Mara updated the Board regarding project progress. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the change orders. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Change Orders #3 & #4)

The Board discussed the contract with Doctors Memorial Hospital for Inmate Medical Services. Attorney Young advised that the contract was unchanged from the previous year with the exception of the contract dates. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

The Board discussed the County Attorney item. Previously, the Board had approved for the Chairman to negotiate fees with Mr. Jeff Goodman, P. A., the sole applicant for the position. Commissioner King made a motion to hire Mr. Jeff Goodman as the County Attorney. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman thanked the Board.

The Board discussed the Consultant Services Ranking for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan. Attorney Young recommended that the Board re-rank the firms utilizing a 100 point system, rather than the previous method. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Hilton Meadows, of Diversified Environmental Planning

Mr. Alan Gray, of WFRPC

Mr. Charlie Gaines, citizen

Commissioner King made a motion to table this item until the next meeting and to re-rank the firms. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ranking Tabulation Sheet)

The Board discussed the proposed contract with the State Attorney's Office, as devised by Attorney Young, for ordinance violation prosecution. Attorney Young discussed the contract. Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, discussed the Subgrant Agreement and Participating Party Agreement for the proposed Mezzaluna Springs Development simultaneously. Discussion included: new market tax credit expiration, project funding, County obligation, re-presentation by developers, quickly approaching grant funding cycle expiration. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Ms. Linda Christy, of the Mezzaluna Springs Development

No action was taken on these items.

The Board discussed the proposed Holmes County High School sidewalk project. Mr. Evan McAllister presented information regarding the high school sidewalk projects and asked the Board if it would be allowable for him to proceed by discussing the projects with other agencies such as DOT. Commissioner Williams made a motion for him to proceed. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Project Information)

Ms. Tricia Pearce, of Life Management of Northwest Florida, presented a proclamation designating September 5-11, 2010 as National Suicide Prevention Week. The Board discussed this item. Commissioner Music made a motion to sign the proclamation. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proclamation)

Ms. Kathy Mancill was not present to deliver her public apology, so this item was not discussed.

Mr. Charlie Gaines discussed Comprehensive Plan presentations. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the working hours for Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Project Manager. It was proposed for him to work on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects for four ten hour days, Monday through Thursday, and an eight hour day on Fridays to maintain the parks. Mrs. Becky Prescott, FEMA Project Manager, advised that the deadline for most of the FEMA projects was October 21, 2010 and that assistance was needed for completion. Discussion included the following: prison inmate crew placement, project completion method and project priorities. Mrs. Prescott asked if it would be allowable for her to give direction regarding project completion. The Board agreed by consensus that this would be allowable. Commissioner King made a motion to allow Mr. Whitehurst to work four ten hour days and maintain the parks on Fridays. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Request)

Commissioner King thanked Mr. Whitney Nelson and Mr. Ben Bell, of Melvin Engineering, for their work on the Highway 179 Project.

Chairman Merchant advised that the Library had ten computers that were in disrepair. He asked if the Board wanted to keep them, or donate the equipment to the Washington-Holmes Vocational School (Votech). The Board agreed by consensus that the computers could be donated to the Votech.

Chairman Merchant advised that the spending deadline for all departments was September 15, 2010. The Board agreed by consensus.

(Memorandum)

Chairman Merchant advised that there was an updated Agreement for inmate work crews which would reduce the number of crews available to three. Previously, the Board had discussed that the number of crews would be decreased due to personnel cutbacks at the prison. Discussion included crew availability and training of Road Department personnel as inmate crew supervisors. Commissioner Music made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Chairman Merchant advised that a special session was needed for the opening of the CR 179A contractor bids. He suggested September 17th at 4:00 p.m. The Board agreed by consensus.

Chairman Merchant advised that funding may be available for the 2011 and 2013 Small County Assistance Program (SCRAP) project funding cycle. Previously, the Board had ranked the Highway 173 project as their top choice for repair. He asked if this was the project that they would like to submit to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for these funding cycles. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner Williams advised that the lease payment deadline had expired for the Farmers' Market. No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Young thanked the Board members for allowing him to work with them.

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

Clerk

Chairman