

August 17, 2010
Budget Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

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

Mr. Brandon Young, County Attorney, was present.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge.

The Board discussed the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) appointments. Chairman Merchant advised that the Board was required to appoint two commissioners and a homestead property owner to serve on the VAB. He also advised that Mr. Earl Pitts had served as the homestead property owner in the past and had agreed to serve again. Commissioner King offered a motion to appoint Mr. Earl Pitts, himself, and Commissioner Monk to serve on the VAB. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also agreed for Commissioner Monk to serve as Chairman.

Commissioner King advised that he had met with the Warden at Holmes Correctional to ask for the inmate crews to work four ten hour days but was advised that they would not comply with his request. He advised that they did agree to this schedule for the crew that would be replacing the bridge in District 4. The Board discussed developing a rotation schedule for the three inmate crews and also training County employees to supervise an inmate crew. No action was taken.

Chairman Merchant advised that violators of County ordinances could not be prosecuted by the State's Attorney unless the County approved an agreement with them which included payment of \$50 per hour. The Board discussed the continuous problems of citizens bringing alcohol to the parks, litter, and dog ordinance violations. Commissioner King offered a motion to sign the agreement with the State's Attorney with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Chairman Merchant advised that \$340,788 must be cut for the 2010-11 Budget to be balanced. The following cuts were made to the General Fund:

Law Enforcement Misc – Lindsey Health Insurance	3,961
Fire Control	49,800
Development Commission	5,686
Library	8,904
Capital Improvements-Other	50,000

The following cuts were made to the Transportation Trust budget:

Bonifay Road & Bridge	45,000
Road Materials & Supplies	15,000

The Board discussed the Health Insurance premium increase for 2010-11. The premium will increase \$66.30 per month for individual coverage. Commissioner Monk offered a motion to fund \$55.30 of the increase with the employee funding the remaining \$7.00. Commissioner King offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King advised that he had met with the Sheriff to discuss the need for a Deputy to patrol the parks, to work on the litter problems and to help enforce the dog ordinance. He stated that the Sheriff had advised it would cost \$48,000 to hire another deputy to be assigned to these specific areas. No action was taken.

The Board agreed to recess the meeting until Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Clerk

Chairman