

February 22, 2011
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 Monty Merchant, Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Ron Monk, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Monk opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

The Board discussed the consent items. Chairman Monk advised that a request had been made to remove the Homeland Security Grant item from the consent items so that it could be addressed at a later date. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the following consent items:

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Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the letter of support for the town of Esto's acceptance of a Department of Agriculture grant for highway maintenance equipment. Also speaking regarding this item was the following:

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Chairman Monk opened the sealed generator bid as submitted for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Gritney Volunteer Fire Department generator project. The Board discussed this item. The following bid was submitted which included the generator, labor, transfer switch, warranty and installation:

Emergency Standby Power	\$25,785.00
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Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Bob Jones, CDBG Grants Administrator

Commissioner King made a motion to award the bid to Emergency Standby Power. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bob Jones, CDBG Grants Administrator updated the Board regarding the project. He advised that Certificate of Occupancy had been issued on the building and a few minor details should be completed soon. He also advised that the Board should accept the facility and authorize the Chairman to approve the final payment to the contractor contingent upon paperwork completion. He clarified that the generator project was a separate contract and was not included in the building acceptance. Commissioner King made a motion accept the

Gritney Fire Department Building and to authorize the Chairman to approve the final payment to the Contractor. The motion passed unanimously.

(Bid)

The Board discussed a list of position openings. Commissioner King made a motion to approve item #4 which was the hiring of Mr. Brandon Farmer into the District One Road Maintenance Technician (RMT) position, effective February 17, 2011. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Merchant made a motion to hire Mr. Ronnie Carroll as a District Two RMT. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also discussed hiring a part-time Inmate Work Crew Supervisor, but agreed by consensus to review the employment applications on file to determine if there may be a suitable candidate, and if not advertise the position.

(List)

The Board revisited the District Two ice machine purchase item. Commissioner Merchant advised that the water well had been drilled deeper and that it appeared to be operating correctly at this time. The following quotes were submitted:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Al Linzey	\$2,919.88
Moore Warren Restaurant Equipment	2,735.00

The Board discussed the local preference percentage. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Commissioner Merchant made a motion to purchase the Ice-o-matic ice machine for \$2,919.88 from Mr. Al Linzey. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the \$12.50 Surcharge Committee purchase request item. Other discussion included bid practices, system upgrades and specifications. Commissioner Williams made a motion to go out for bids on the \$12.50 Surcharge Committee equipment requests. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner King voting no, and all others voting yes. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Mr. Bennie Little, \$12.50 Surcharge Committee member

The Board agreed by consensus that Mrs. Wanda Stafford would be responsible for the bid specifications of the equipment. Mr. Clint Erickson, of 911 Mapping and Addressing, asked for approval of a portion of the \$12.50 Surcharge Committee request in the amount of \$4,640.00, which included the cost for supplies to connect and install the generator for the 911 Dispatch Center. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the cost for supplies to connect the generator. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter of Request)

Commissioner Music advised that he had received a request from Mrs. Martin of Martin Lane to remove a stop sign that had recently been installed by the Road Department. The Board agreed by consensus for Attorney Goodman to look into whether the lane was on the County maintained road list and for him to bring the information back to the Board in March. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Music advised that he had received a citizen request to erect a sign on 177A which would denote the location of a church on North Caryville Road. Attorney Goodman advised that specifications regarding the sign should be brought back to the Board for review. The Board agreed by consensus for Commissioner Music to gather the specification information.

Commissioner Music requested that an 8 x 8 shed be constructed at the District Three yard for storage. Chairman Monk directed him to discuss this item with Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager, and to gather more information regarding the materials needed and cost for this project. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Williams advised that the dresser loader at the Shop was still in disrepair because previous repair efforts had not been successful. He also advised that the used engine that had arrived from Head Equipment would not “turn” and stated that he would like to purchase a remanufactured engine for an additional \$300.00. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of the remanufactured engine. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Merchant advised that vandals had damaged the Prosperity Park Property and stated that he would like for a \$100.00 reward be offered to someone with information regarding the damage, and that the fee would be awarded upon conviction of those responsible. Commissioner Merchant made a motion for the Board to pay the \$100.00 reward upon the conviction of those responsible for the park damage. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Monk advised that the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a golf tournament March 18th.

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