

February 23, 2010
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Special 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.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board held a Workshop to discuss the proposed Mezzaluna Springs Development project. The main topic of conversation was an outline of phase I which included the amphitheater, open space, storm water facilities, commercial space, parking areas and roadways. Speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Ms. Linda Christy, of the Mezzaluna Springs Development

Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering

Ms. Mary Margaret Farris advised that the developer was hoping to gauge the County's interest in a deed of some of the interior roadways in the downtown section of the development. She stated that the County would be responsible for the maintenance of the roadways; but that they should not require any maintenance for twenty years. She advised that grant funds were being sought for the roadway to be known as "Marathon Loop".

Mr. Evan McAllister, discussed project estimates, project process, the interlocal agreement and job creation. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Ms. Linda Christy, of the Mezzaluna Spring Development

He asked the Board if they would commit to the earlier roadway deed proposal. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the grant administration. Mr. McAllister advised that he had committed to the completion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and should his firm be awarded the administrator bid, his services would be paid from grant funds. Attorney Young clarified that upon the grant award, RFP's would be sought for the administrative service. Mr. McAllister explained that he understood that he was "taking a risk" in this situation.

Mr. McAllister asked if it would be allowable for him to bring his request regarding procession with the grant to the evening Regular Session. No action was taken on this item.

The Board discussed the condition of CR 181 leading up to the proposed site. Commissioner King explained that he would like for the project engineer to work with the Department of Transportation to explore funding options for this road repair. No action was taken on this item.

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

Clerk

Chairman

