

February 23, 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.

Captain Ray Riley led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a Public Hearing to discuss the transmission of the Evaluations and Appraisals Report (EAR) to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Mr. Tony Arrant, Consultant, advised that the existing land use map, consultant map, land use densities/census data and a comparison section should be added to the document. The Public was given opportunity to speak, with no one responding. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Mr. Carlton Treadwell, of the Planning Commission

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the EAR upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to transmit the EAR documentation to DCA, as well as approve Resolution # 10-05 with the cover letter attachment. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(EAR, Cover letter, Resolution #10-05 & Additions)

The Board held a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed land use change from rural residential to industrial for the LKQ automotive facility. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jim Brook, of the Development Commission

Mr. Tom Ponds, of the LKQ automotive facility

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the land use change. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the following consent items:

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 Equal Opportunity Employment Plan Update
 2009-2010 Budget Amendment # 2

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the copier proposal for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Chairman Merchant advised that Mrs. Wanda Stafford, Emergency Management Director, had requested an upgraded copy machine lease which included scanner and facsimile features. He stated that she had offered her current machine, which was owned by the County, for use by another department. He advised that it appeared that the State contract price would be \$141.60 per month for a thirty six month term with a \$200.00 per year maintenance agreement. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the lease. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proposal)

The Board opened and discussed the Sandpath Small Road County Outreach Program (SCOP) Project construction bids. The following bids were submitted:

Contractor		Total Bid Price
Anderson Columbia	Marianna, FL	\$446,760.86
APAC	Pensacola, FL	483,231.95
Baxter's Asphalt	Marianna, FL	466,296.88
C.W.Roberts Contracting	Freeport, FL	466,955.69
GAC Contractors	Panama City, FL	464,948.04
Jones Construction of NW Florida	Marianna, FL	477,367.70

Commissioner King made a motion for the attorney and the Engineer to review the bids and bring recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board opened and discussed the CR162 SCOP project construction bids. The following bids were submitted:

Contractor		Total Bid Price
Anderson Columbia	Marianna, FL	\$576,900.77
APAC	Pensacola, FL	588,247.12
Baxter's Asphalt	Marianna, FL	600,062.64
C.W.Roberts Contracting	Freeport, FL	584,080.63
GAC Contractors	Panama City, FL	623,127.00
Jones Construction of NW Florida	Marianna, FL	534,391.00
Triangle Construction	Panama City, FL	645,231.83
Utility Solutions Group	Defuniak Springs, FL	591,094.50

Commissioner King made a motion for the engineer to review the bids and bring recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program administration agreement with Tri-County Community Council (TCCC). Previously, the Board had discussed this agreement and Attorney Young had advised that some revisions were in progress. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Joel Paul, of Tri-County Community Council

Mrs. Betty Yancey, Ship Advisory Board member

Mrs. Jenny Williams, SHIP Advisory Board member, advised that not all committee members had reviewed the document. Commissioner Monk made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Chairman Merchant voting no, and all others voting yes.

The Board discussed various equipment issues. Mr. Hubert Hendrix, Shop Foreman, discussed van repairs for District Two # 27 van and District Three # 39 van and a loader in District Two. Commissioner Williams stated that it was his opinion that repairs for #39 should be postponed. Mr. Hendrix advised that he would be traveling to Eglin to look at some surplus front end loaders and equipment on Wednesday. By consensus, the Board agreed to reassess the equipment needs once Mr. Hendrix returned from Eglin.

Mr. Hubert Hendrix, advised that the Shop was in need of a new facsimile machine as his was not operating correctly. The Board agreed by consensus for him to purchase a new fax machine.

Mr. Charles & Mrs. Violet Meadows, citizens, discussed a flooding issue at their residence on Robin Hood Lane in the Dogwood Lakes Subdivision. They asked the Board for assistance with a culvert and the ditch. The Board discussed this issue and Commissioner Monk advised that he would examine the issue soon.

Mrs. Susan Harris, Library Director, asked if it would be allowable for the Library facility to display a sign that would identify it as "safe place" for children in need of assistance. The Board agreed by consensus.

Mrs. Susan Harris asked the Board if it would be allowable for the Library to close on the Saturday during the upcoming Down Home Street Festival. The Board agreed by consensus.

Mrs. Susan Harris advised that the Library Building was in need of gutters for water drainage. She stated that the Library could purchase the gutters utilizing money from the Library Budget. The Board discussed this item. Mrs. Harris asked if Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager, would be available to install the gutters. Commissioner Williams advised that it might be cost effective to have the gutters installed by the material company, and instructed her to gather prices for both options. The Board agreed by consensus for her to proceed.

Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, discussed the workshop that had taken place earlier in the day. He asked the Board if it would be allowable to move forward with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the Mezzaluna Springs Development. Commissioner Williams made a motion to continue with the grant. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Williams advised that Ms. Ann Payne, of the Recycling Department, had asked whether it would be allowable for her helper to work Friday and Saturday of the upcoming Amnesty Day. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner Williams advised that it had not been clarified at the last meeting whether the Board would be paying for the registration for attendees of the upcoming Legislative Day in Tallahassee. The Board agreed by consensus that this expense would be covered.

Chairman Merchant advised that he would like to hire Mr. David Cullifer as a Road Maintenance Technician for his District. Commissioner King made a motion to hire Mr. Cullifer. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant thanked everyone for their help in District Two last weekend.

Chairman Merchant advised that he had received a request from Lieutenant Taylor, of the Prison, for approximately twelve guardrail panels that were at the Shop yard. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Hubert Hendrix, Shop Foreman

The Board agreed by consensus to look into this item.

Chairman Merchant advised that he would be taking part in an upcoming conference call with the State to discuss budget. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Music advised that he had received a request from the Jail for some partitions to be installed and that the cost had been estimated by Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager, to be approximately \$500.00. He stated that he had been advised that it was a requirement of the State that the partitions be installed. The Board discussed this topic. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Young discussed the policy for retirees returning to work and information that was received regarding this topic. He advised that it was not required for the Board to take action on this item and that it would be discussed at the next meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Mrs. Violet Meadows, citizen, revisited the drainage issue. No action was taken on this item.

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

Clerk

Chairman