

February 9, 2010  
Special Session  
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 with the prayer and pledge.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a meeting to discuss area parks. Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney discussed his correspondence with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on behalf of the Florida Recreational Development Program (FRDAP) regarding the Highway 79/Wright's Creek/Wayside Park. He asked the Board for direction regarding the response that he would be preparing. Attorney Young advised that he would like to examine the original application for the project element guidelines of this project. He also discussed the wooden walkway issue and stated that it was his understanding that the walkway had not been part of the original project. Mr. Joey Marsh, former Project Manager, advised that the walkway was put in as part of a later Stream Restoration grant which he believed to have been a collective effort of several entities. Attorney Young discussed restroom facility issues. Other issues that were discussed were upkeep, security, signage, atmosphere, curfew, inmate availability, water table levels and pump repairs.

Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager, discussed the vandalism issues and explained that he had gathered some cost estimates for repairing the restroom facilities. He advised that pump repairs were needed at both the Highway 79 and Highway 177A Parks. He submitted a quote of \$774.00 to repair the restrooms, which included a six foot tall privacy wall rather than doors, commode and sink repairs but did not include the pump repairs. Speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jackie Parker, of the Health Department

Ms. Holley Segers, Health Department Administrator

Lieutenant Taylor, of Holmes Correctional Facility

Lieutenant Harry Hamilton, of the Sheriff's Department

Mrs. Lori Patterson, citizen

Mrs. Joanne Ellis, citizen

Mr. Jay Felsberg, of the Holmes County Times Advertiser

Commissioner Williams made a motion to repair both parks using the concrete privacy wall "no door" design as submitted by Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Project Manger and to repair the well.

Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner King voting no, and all others voting yes. Commissioner Williams asked that Mr. Whitehurst take pictures documenting the project completion and verify that the water was working.

(Design with cost estimate)

Attorney Young advised that he was in need of suggestions for the letter of response to DEP, and asked specifically for a timeline for the repairs to be completed. Commissioner Williams suggested a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board agreed by consensus.

Commissioner Williams advised that a front end loader at the Shop was having motor trouble. He advised that there was one available at Eglin, and asked if it would be allowable for him to check into it. The Board agreed by consensus.

Chairman Merchant advised that he had received two letters of commendation for Mr. Joey Marsh, Veterans Officer. He thanked Mr. Marsh for his service.

(Letters)

Chairman Merchant advised that Mr. David Brazil would like to attend an Arthropod related conference in Panama City taking place February 23-25<sup>th</sup> and that the registration fee was \$175.00. The Board agreed by consensus.

Chairman Merchant advised that the property and casualty insurance bid had been received and that PRM was the only company to reply and that their bid was \$26,799.00 lower this year.

Ms. Holly Segers, Health Department Administrator advised that the County health status rankings would be coming out on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and that she did not anticipate the ranking to be favorable.

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Chairman