

July 12, 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 Phillip Music, Commissioner Jim King and Commissioner Ron Monk Jr., Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Monk opened the meeting with the prayer and the pledge.

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

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Tax Collector's Recapitulation of the Tax Roll

Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Courthouse plumbing repair quotes. Previously, the quote had been awarded, but after further clarification with the vendor, the low quote appeared to be Woodham Plumbing. Commissioner Music made a motion to award the quote to Woodham Plumbing. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the proposed agreement with the Health Department for land, which was to be submitted to the State along with the application for grant funds. Mrs. Holly Holt, Health Department Administrator, presented this item and advised that this documentation was a requirement of the grant application. Commissioner King made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Mrs. Holly Holt, Health Department Administrator, advised that a new GMC Sierra Pickup Truck had been purchased by the Health Department and asked the Board to accept it as a County vehicle. She discussed that the Health Department would be willing to make arrangements to pay the County for the insurance and tag premiums. Other discussion included premium amounts, methods of payment and the Health Department's plans for the old truck. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the tag purchase and for the Health Department to make payments to the County for the insurance premiums and tag fees. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Holly Holt, Health Department Administrator, updated the Board regarding several Health Department related items. She discussed the status of the Health Department's Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) grant application. She advised that only sixty to seventy applicants would be chosen out of a pool of roughly eight hundred applicants. She also advised that with the retirement of the Health Department Director in Walton County, she was acting as interim director at that department as

well. She also discussed recent community health related meetings that had taken place and updated the Board regarding them. She stated that interviews were taking place at the Health Department as Ms. Jamie Carmichael, of the Business Office, had recently accepted a position with another County. Mrs. Holt also introduced Mr. Moses Vallejos of the Health Department. The Board discussed these items. Other discussion included the possibility of satellite office locations in outlying areas of the County. No action was taken on these items.

Mr. Hilton Meadows, Consultant, updated the Board regarding the status of the Comprehensive Plan and recent meetings that had taken place with Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, and Attorney Goodman. The Board discussed this item. Attorney Goodman asked if it would be allowable to discuss this item later in the meeting so that representatives of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) could join the meeting via conference call. Mr. Meadows and the Board agreed by consensus.

Mr. Charles Smith, citizen, advised that the Cogon grass near Flowing Well Road and Monroe Paul Road was a nuisance and asked the Board to remedy the situation. The Board discussed this item. Commissioner King advised that ditch spraying should take place in September. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector, advised that he would like for his office to be moved to the Veterans Services Office or former Gulf Power Building and advised that he had gathered information regarding the relocation of the office telephone lines. The Board discussed this item. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Building Department's request to move the office to the Veterans building. Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Other discussion included parking needs and building size. Mr. Williams asked if it would be allowable for him to modify the building or if he should enlist the help of Mr. Eddie Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager. The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Eddie Whitehurst to examine the modification request and bring his recommendation to the Board for review. The Board agreed by consensus that the move should take place during the end of August to early September.

Commissioner Williams advised that during the upcoming budget workshops, he would like to consider creating an animal control position. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner King advised that he would like for one of the part-time, temporary Parks and Recreation employees to work an additional fifteen hours per week temporarily for six months at a rate of \$10.00 per hour in his district. Commissioner King made a motion for him to work fifteen additional hours per week. Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Merchant updated the Board regarding a recent courthouse security meeting that he had attended. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Monk advised that the upcoming retirement party for Mr. Barry Fuller, Road Foreman, would take place July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

The Board reconvened.

The Board was joined in a conference call with Ms. Ana Richmond and Mr. Dan Evans of DCA to discuss recent legislative changes affecting the County's work related to the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion included a review of the meeting that Attorney Goodman had participated in the day before, whether to proceed with the Consultant Agreement with Mr. Hilton Meadows, related contractual fees and the work that had already been completed by Meadows. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Mr. Hilton Meadows, Consultant

Mr. Carlton Treadwell, of the Planning Commission

Commissioner Williams made a motion to put a "freeze" on all work relating to the Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the agreement, and to pay Mr. Meadows prorated up to today's date until the Board can determine the direction of the Plan. Commissioner Merchant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed by consensus to hold a Special Session to discuss this on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Monk advised that the seven and eight year old girls' softball team had recently won the State Championship title and would be traveling to play in the World Series in Louisiana soon.

Attorney Goodman advised that he would be attending a negotiation meeting with the Union Representative soon. No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Goodman advised that the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) had been funded for an extended period of time and that a new agreement would be needed to continue services with Tri-County Community Council. He advised that this topic could be added to the July 19<sup>th</sup> Special Session agenda. The Board agreed by consensus.

Attorney Goodman updated the Board regarding the lawsuit involving the Ellenburg's defaulted Agricultural Center shed rental. He advised that the \$5,200.00 had been paid by the Ellenburgs and that he anticipated filing a notice of dismissal soon.

Attorney Goodman updated the Board regarding the Shoo Fly Bridge suit and advised that it was still in progress.

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

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Clerk

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Chairman