

July 14, 2015
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner Danny Powell, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, Commissioner William Parish, and Commissioner David Whitaker, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

Melissa Kabaci, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Whitaker opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. Items added to today's agenda included:

- 10 A) Subcontracting Sandpath Road Phase II Sidewalk Project
- #11) Proposal for a Resolution

Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve the amended agenda with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item was "Hearing the Public". The public was given an opportunity to speak with no one responding.

Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the following consent items:

- June 30, 2015 Workshop, Executive Session and Regular Session Minutes
- Outside Employment Request – Cody Truette, EMS
- 4-H Building Department Fee Waiver
- Road Maintenance Technician Change in District – Adam Stafford

Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(June 30, 2015 Workshop, Executive Session and Regular Session Minutes)

(Outside Employment Request – Cody Truette, EMS)

(4-H Building Department Fee Waiver Request)

(RMT Change in District – Adam Majors (Stafford))

Steve Connell, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director, discussed a periodic rate increase request for the EMS Department's billing rates. Discussion included the increases still being below what Medicare allows them to bill, their consultant's recommendation to increase their rates to what the insurance companies will pay and EMS billing the patients for any remaining balance. Discussion also included what areas of service the rate increase will affect. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the EMS rate increase with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. Commissioners Locke, Powell and Sasnett voted yes with Commissioners Parish and Whitaker voting no. The motion passed.

(EMS Rate increase)

Sherry Snell, Administrative Assistant, discussed the Health Insurance Committee's recommendation to withdraw from the current carrier PRM and proceed with Barnes Insurance Agency effective October 1st. Discussion included receiving quotes which will keep the current plans in place with minor changes but at much lower rates for a cost savings of \$185,000. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the recommendation to move ahead with Barnes Insurance Agency. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Recommendation)

(Quotes)

Karen Johnson, Holmes County Health Department Administrator, requested approval of the fee schedule for dental services. These services were previously offered at no cost to low income families but due to the loss of Federal funding a fee must now be charged. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve the fee schedule with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Fee Schedule)

Wendel Whitehurst discussed appointing members for the Planning Commission. The Board agreed to appoint the following members:

- District 1 – Hubert Hendrix
- District 2 – Wilburn Baker
- District 3 – Carlton Treadwell
- District 4 – Tony Dodd
- District 5 – Tom Jenkins

(Recommendations)

Mr. Whitehurst discussed the vacant temporary "as needed" mosquito sprayer position and recommended hiring Kyle Rotter at \$10.00 per hour. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve hiring Mr. Rotter with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whitehurst discussed the new Shop Foreman's salary. Discussion included a rate of \$15.00 per hour and changing the position from "salaried" to an hourly position. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the \$15.00 per hour and changing from a salaried position to an hourly position. Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whitehurst discussed transferring Travis Adams to the vacant District 4 Grader Operator position. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the transfer of Mr. Adams. Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Lemieux, Stantec Engineering, discussed the Development Commission's request to waive a planning fee for a land use change application and to pay the expense of the newspaper advertisement of this change request. The Board discussed waiving the internal fee of \$1,000 the County charges for a land use change application but not paying any external fees associated with the application process. Commissioner

Parish offered a motion to waive the internal fees. Commissioner Locker offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whitehurst gave an update on the FEMA projects.

Attorney Jeff Goodman discussed approving a Resolution of Appreciation to Washington County for their recent aid in an Animal Control incident. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve the Resolution with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

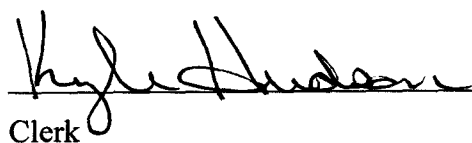
(Resolution #15-17)

Evan McAllister, Melvin Engineering, discussed a request from North Florida Construction, General Contractors, to subcontract out 70% on the Sandpath Road Phase II sidewalk project. Discussion included the original bid only allowing 50% of the work to be subcontracted and concerns over recent problems with other subcontractors on similar projects. The Board agreed by consensus to stay with the original contractors bid of only allowing up to 50% subcontracting and to send a letter confirming this to the contractor.

Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish Engineering, gave an update on the Highway 2 boat ramp project and advised a notice of award for the project should be received in approximately three (3) weeks.

Commissioner Whitaker read a proposed Resolution to be considered at the next meeting. Discussion included the Resolution being to the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County allowing them to display "In God We Trust" in the Board Chambers of the County.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman