

July 19, 2011
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 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 pledge.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board met in a Special Session on the above date to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP).

The Board discussed several items related to the administration of the SHIP Program. Other discussion included the following topics: budget, program administration, audit findings, legal fees and new funding. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Joel Paul, Jr., Executive Director of Tri-County Community Council (TCCC)

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Mrs. Alice Vickers, Finance Supervisor

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

Chairman Monk advised that it would be helpful if a representative of the program could present status reports on a regular basis to keep all parties updated. The Board agreed by consensus for this item to be addressed at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Plan and related consultant services. Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney, updated the Board regarding a recent meeting with Mr. Meadows, Consultant, where he had reviewed the information that Mr. Meadows had compiled thus far. Other discussion included the following topics: scope of work, legislative requirements, submission deadlines and compensation. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Hilton Meadows, Consultant

Commissioner Williams made a motion to terminate the contract with Diversified Environmental Planning (DEP) for the Comprehensive Plan, pay the invoice for half of July, and also to compensate DEP related work to “gather up” paper copies and computer hard drive information. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioners Music and Monk voting no, and all others voting yes.

Ms. Shirley Hawthorne, SHIP Committee Chairperson, revisited the SHIP program Administration item. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Music advised that an additional bridge on A.J. Steverson Road was in need of repair and also advised that he would like for the Board to consider purchasing two “thirty foot” culverts for the repair. The Board agreed by consensus for Commissioner Music to bring a cost estimate to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Williams advised that he would like to fill the Foreman position in his District that would soon be vacant as a result of the retirement of Mr. Barry Fuller. The Board discussed this item and agreed by consensus for Commissioner Williams to post this position “in house” for three days.

Attorney Goodman advised that an Executive Session should be set soon regarding union negotiations. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Williams asked the Board if it would be allowable to schedule the first budget workshop prior to August 10th. The Board agreed by consensus to tentatively schedule the meeting to take place following the regular session on August 9th. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

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

Clerk

Chairman