

July 27, 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 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.

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

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Garbage Franchise Agreement: NW Sanitation

PPLCS Board Nominee: Kelly McKee

Cogongrass Agreement: Buford Galloway

Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed several Health Department related items. Ms. Holly Segers, Health Department Administrator, advised that she had previously sent an application to the State for a new Health Department building. As a requirement of that request, the Health Department was in need of a parcel of property for the proposed site. She presented a commitment letter from former Board Chairman Thomas that stated that the Board was willing to donate property for this project. She advised that an engineer had visited the proposed site near the Ag Center property to discuss building options. Other discussion included: parcel size, property location, site preparation, survey needs and other engineer discussion. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Ms. Joyce Everett, citizen

Commissioner Williams made a motion to write a letter of approval regarding the donation of property to the Health Department. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Ms. Holly Segers discussed a retaining wall repair at the current Health Department site. She stated that the deterioration was a result of improper water drainage and asked the Board for direction regarding the repair. Discussion included repair methods, engineer discussion and Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) submission procedure. She advised that she would like for the project to be placed on the local mitigation project priority list that would be submitted to the State soon. She also stated that she would like to apply, with the assistance of County resources, for a Pre-disaster Mitigation grant for the work. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Ms. Joyce Everett, citizen

Chairman Merchant stated that he would meet with Ms. Segers and the engineer. No action was taken on this item.

Ms. Holly Segers discussed the Health Department budget. She asked if it would be allowable for her to utilize funding from the repair and maintenance budget for the Health Department's remodeling project for items like painting. Commissioners King and Williams advised that they would like for her to re-address this issue in September. She also discussed her budget for the next fiscal year. No action was taken on this item.

Ms. Alexis Curry delivered her public apology as part of her court ordered retribution for a drug related offense.

(Certification)

The Board discussed the agreement with Dr. Yunus for inmate physician services, which was to expire in September. Chairman Merchant explained that Dr. Yunus had expressed an interest in continuing this contract at the same contract price. Commissioner King made a motion to extend the contract with Dr. Yunus for an additional year. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. Attorney Young clarified that the current contract would expire on September 30<sup>th</sup> and that the new contract should begin after that date. Commissioners King and Music amended their motion and second to reflect the clarification. The motion passed unanimously.

(Contract)

The Board discussed the proposed millage rate. Commissioner King made a motion to set the proposed millage rate at the rollback rate of 9.4492. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Tentative Budget Hearing date and time. Commissioner King made a motion to set the Tentative Budget Hearing for September 14th at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant asked the Board to bring their Value Adjustment Board nominations to the next meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. John Reynolds, of C.W. Roberts, presented several items. He asked for a status regarding the engineer review of the previously opened sealed bids for County use asphalt. Chairman Merchant advised that the bid was acceptable. Mr. Reynolds also discussed work order proposals 4, 5 and 6 which included Northride Lane, Southride Lane, Panhandle Lane, Deacon Road and Millers Crossroads. He advised that they had been submitted previously and asked the Board for feedback regarding the proposed projects. Commissioner Williams advised that he would like to utilize \$10,550.00 of Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) funds to repair a section of roadway at Highway 2 and Highway 177, known as Millers Crossroads. Discussion also included paving for a section of road between the school and Dan

Smith Road on Highway 177. Commissioner Williams asked that an estimate be drafted for the additional work. Chairman Merchant clarified that the County had an asphalt contract with C.W. Roberts and that it was not required for these items to go out for bid. Commissioner Williams made a motion for C.W. Roberts to repair the section of roadway at Millers Crossroads for the contract price of \$10,550.00 and for the LOGT funds to be utilized for the repair. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Since the remaining projects were in District Five and Commissioner Monk was not present, no further action was taken.

Ms. Barbara Jenson, citizen, discussed the status of her previously submitted request for housing assistance through the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP). The Board discussed this item and advised that Mr. Joel Paul of Tri-County Community Council should be able to offer some information regarding this program. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. John Little, citizen, spoke regarding House Bill 550, specifically the section regarding septic tank inspection. Also speaking regarding this issue was the following:

Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

The Board discussed this item.

Ms. Joyce Everett, citizen, spoke regarding the condition of an area boat ramp and nearby roadway on the west side of the river. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Williams advised that the Bridge Crew truck was in need of an engine repair. The following quotes were submitted:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Chipola Ford	\$1,700.22
Bondy's Ford	1,665.22

He advised that the vehicle was at Chipola Ford and although the bid from Bondy's was lower, the cost of towing would be more expensive than the difference in the quotes. Commissioner Williams made a motion to award the quote to Chipola Ford in the amount of \$1,700.22. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Commissioner Williams stated that he had received a driveway repair request for Joy Meadows Lane in Esto, which he advised was not a county maintained road. Attorney Young advised against this. No action was taken.

Commissioner King advised that there was a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) repair project on Highway 179, just south of Harris Chapel Church that he would like approval for. He advised that the drain was falling in. Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, discussed the project

and advised that Jones Construction assessed this issue as an emergency item and had agreed to complete this repair project for a lump sum of \$4,000.00 which included mobilization, labor and materials. Commissioner King made a motion to proceed with the work and clarified that it should be covered by FEMA, but if it was not completely covered, money could come from "excess funds" to complete this project. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music discussed an air conditioning issue and furniture needs for the Ag Center. He advised that the air conditioning at the Ag Center was not working correctly last weekend during an event. Mr. Wayne Cartwright, of Wayne's Heating and Air Conditioning, stated that he had recharged the freon so that the unit was temporarily working, but future repairs would be necessary. Commissioner Music also stated that the previously approved tables and chairs had not been ordered yet and advised that he would discuss this item with Mr. Shep Eubanks, of the Extension Service. No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Merchant advised that there was a SHIP subordination agreement for Board consideration for Lesley David. Commissioner King made a motion to approve the subordination. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Subordination Agreement)

Chairman Merchant updated the Board on the District Two yard water well. He advised that it was still in disrepair and that he would like to go out for bids to drill a new well. Commissioner Williams made a motion to go out for bids to drill a well. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant advised that the van in District Two was in need of a transmission repair and asked if it should be fixed since the work would be about \$600.00. The Board discussed this item and agreed by consensus to make the repair.

Chairman Merchant advised that he had recently attended a meeting with prison officials and stated that as of August 6<sup>th</sup>, the number of inmate crews was being reduced to three due to personnel cutbacks at the prison. Additional discussion included: training for County staff to take out work crews and County needs. Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney also spoke regarding this topic. No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Young advised that he had attended a preliminary union negotiations meeting and stated that an Executive Session should be set to discuss the details. The Board agreed by consensus to set an Executive Session for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Merchant advised that budget workshops would be needed, but that they could be set at the next meeting. No action was taken on this item.



Clerk



Chairman