

June 8, 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 Ron Monk, Commissioner Jim King 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 Williams made a motion to approve the following consent items:

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Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG)-

Emergency Management Department

SHIP Satisfaction of Mortgage-Patricia Lewis

Pine Log Volunteer Fire Department Lease Agreement

Annual Certified Budget for Mosquito Control

Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the contract extension request with C.W. Roberts for asphalt, since it had expired. Attorney Young advised that the Board should go out for bids since there was no provision in the original contract regarding extension terms. Commissioner King made a motion to go out for bids for asphalt. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week Proclamation for July 18-24, 2010. Chairman Merchant read the proclamation. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Vernon Lewis, Holmes County Senior Probation Officer

Ms. Lisa Minyard, Department of Corrections Probation Office Supervisor

Commissioner King made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the proclamation. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proclamation)

The Board discussed the Telecom Audit Group item. Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

presented this item and explained that this service audits the County telephone charges for possible excessive charges over the past three years. He also explained that this service would be provided for a percentage of the recovery, should there be any. Attorney Young advised that the contract did include a thirty day termination clause. Commissioner King made a motion to enter into the contract. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Information)

The Board discussed the Trainee Road partial closure item. Attorney Young advised that this item should be set for Public Hearing, should the Board choose to pursue this issue. Commissioner King advised that he was in favor of a partial closure of this road. Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, stated that notice should be made in the newspaper as well as signage at the proposed closure site. Commissioner King made a motion to hold a Public Hearing at the next meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Taylor advised that there may be some requirements regarding the length of time that the signage should be posted at the site before the hearing and also that the closure should be advertised as an entire road closure which may be amended at the hearing. Commissioner King amended his motion to be "hold a Public Hearing as soon as possible". Commissioner Williams amended his second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Christopher Lauen, Health Department Tobacco Prevention Specialist, presented information regarding the Tobacco Free Holmes Program. Also speaking regarding this item were the following:

Mr. James Lewis, of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Coordinator
Ms. Paige Sellers, Holmes County High School SWAT Student
Mr. John David Brown, Holmes County High School SWAT Student
Ms. Madelyn McCombs, Ponce de Leon High School SWAT Student

He asked the Board to support a proposed tobacco free ordinance which would prohibit the free sampling and/or distribution of tobacco products. Attorney Young advised that the Board should review the draft ordinance and bring suggested changes to a Public Hearing for consideration, should the Board choose to do so. Commissioner Williams made a motion to set the Public Hearing to take place at the next meeting. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Draft Ordinance)

Mr. John Little, citizen, discussed Development Commission guidelines as set by the Board and job availability Countywide. The Board discussed this item. No action was taken on

this item.

Mr. Clint Erickson, of 911 Mapping and Addressing, updated the Board regarding the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS). He advised that an intern had been provided by Florida State University for a period of twelve weeks through August 27th. He stated that she had begun work on the LMS strategy on Monday and was assisting with general office duties as well. He asked for some policy clarification regarding the intern and also asked if it would be allowable for him to change his schedule to a four day work week while she was working on the LMS. Attorney Young clarified that while it would allowable for her to ride with him for business purposes she should not operate a County vehicle and that she should be supervised at all times. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

The Board discussed this item. The Board agreed by consensus that Mrs. Wanda Stafford of the Emergency Management Department, should supervise the intern should Mr. Erickson be out of the office and that should there be an instance when both Mr. Erickson and Mrs. Stafford are out of the office, the Board would address this issue. Mr. Erickson withdrew his request for a four day work week. No further action was taken.

Commissioner Monk advised that he would like to discuss the paving projects for Northride and Southride Lanes once the asphalt bids have been returned. Attorney Young advised that this effort should be coordinated with the water projects of the City. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Williams revisited the proposed tobacco ordinance item. No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Merchant clarified the hiring terms for Mr. Larry Petty. He stated that he would like for Mr. Petty to be hired as a temporary Road Maintenance Technician at the rate of \$10.25 per hour. He advised that he would like Mr. Petty to start on Monday. Commissioner King made a motion to hire Mr. Petty. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Young updated the Board regarding the Hickory Hill Road Federal lawsuit. He advised that he had received an order stating that it had been dismissed and that there was no further lawsuit pending.

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court, advised that the air conditioning in the Judge's

chambers was not working properly. He stated that there was some money in the Courthouse Facilities Fund that may be utilized for this repair, but that the Board should meet with Mr. Ray Rodriguez, of Engineered Heating and Cooling Services, to discuss the repair. He also stated that the repair could be put out for bids, or that an emergency declaration could be made. Commissioner King made a motion to set a special session for Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clerk

Chairman