

June 9, 2010
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 Ron Monk, 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.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board held a Special Session to discuss the proposed repair for the Courthouse air conditioning system, which included the Judge's chambers. Mr. Ray Rodriguez, of Engineered Cooling Services, discussed the repair, the cost of the repair and the timeline for completion. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor Clerk of Court

Mr. Wayne Cartwright, of Wayne's Heating and Air Conditioning

Commissioner Williams made a motion to make the repair at a cost of \$45,000.00. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. Attorney Young discussed the emergency declaration for the work and stated that it was actually specialty work that not many in the area could do, and so few firms had bid previous system related repairs, it could be awarded to Engineered Cooling Services. He stated that this firm had the maintenance contract for the system at this time. He also suggested that the motion could be amended to be that Engineered Cooling Services was willing to repair the system under the emergency consideration and satisfactorily to the Board for \$45,000.00 and also that Engineered Cooling would provide the specifications to the Board for consideration which would be included in the \$45,000.00 project cost. Should Engineered Cooling not be able to provide this service for the price of \$45,000.00 then, the Board may choose to go out for bid on the project. Commissioner Williams amended his motion to declare the repair an emergency and to spend \$45,000.00 to go with the architect's previous plans, provided it corrects all of the problems such as hot spots, humidity, cold spots, water, mold and mildew. Commissioner Music amended his second. The motion passed; with Chairman Merchant voting no, and all others voting yes.

Mr. Donald Bush, citizen, asked the Board if it would be allowable for him to set up his concession business at area parks. The Board discussed this item. Topics included proposed agreements, County liability and trash containment efforts. The Board agreed by consensus for Attorney Young to research this item further and bring information back to the Board. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Monk discussed whether the County had a vehicle available for the 4-H Program Director to utilize for short trips. The Board discussed vehicle options which included the following: repairs to an older van that was at the Ag Center, the possibility of getting a van from the Tri-County Community Council and the District Two van at the yard that was in need of a transmission. The Board agreed by consensus for Commissioner Monk to look into this item. No action was taken.

Commissioner Monk stated that he needed to hire a Road Foreman for his district and advised that after review of the applications, he wanted to hire Mr. Gerald Truett as he was most qualified. He also stated that Mr. Truett would begin at the new hire salary and benefit rate. Commissioner Monk made a motion to hire Mr. Gerald Truett. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner King voting no, and all others voting yes.

Commissioner King advised that Phillips Auto Recycling normally picks up scrap metal at the Recycling Center and that a request had been made by the vendor to pick up some metal on a Sunday. He asked if it would be allowable for Ms. Ann Payne, of the Recycling Center, to open the gate for them to accommodate this request. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Cody Taylor, Clerk of Court

The Board agreed by consensus.

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

Pursuant to public notice, the Board held a Special Session to swear in elected Commissioners Monty Merchant and Kenneth Williams. Judge Owen Powell conducted the ceremony.

Clerk

Chairman