

March 16, 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 Jim King, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Ron Monk Jr., Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

Angie Jonas, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Monk opened the meeting with the prayer and pledge.

The Board met to discuss the New Hope generator hookup project. The project electrician was Mr. Buck Hood, of Buck's Electric. Mr. Jerome Szczekot, EMS Director advised that when the power was hooked back up to the building during the course of the project, several electrical items were destroyed. Other discussion included the following: the operation of the generator, troubleshooting and property safety. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Roger Williams, Building Inspector

Mr. Steve Connell, of the EMS Service

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hire Mr. Robert Ronca, Electrician, to repair the transfer switch. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Merchant made a motion for Mr. Buck Hood to complete the repair within one week, and for the attorney to take legal steps to notify Mr. Hood, and also should he not complete the repair as needed, to allow the Attorney to proceed legally to remedy the situation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board discussed the 4-H vehicle item. Chairman Monk advised that the 4-H Program was in a need of a vehicle for transportation for members to program functions. Attorney Goodman advised that clarification was necessary regarding insurance coverage and asked the Board if it would be allowable for him to conduct a conference call with the University of Florida and 4-H Director. The Board agreed by consensus.

Mr. Jerome Szczekot, EMS Director, asked the Board for general direction regarding maintenance and repairs for ambulances. Also speaking regarding this topic was the following:

Mr. Steve Connell, of the EMS Department

Commissioner Williams advised that he would look into this matter.

Mr. Jerome Szczekot, EMS Director, asked the Board for direction regarding several EMS facility repairs. Other discussion included other County project needs, municipality requests, EMS budget and project priorities for Mr. Whitehurst, Special Projects Manager. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney
Mrs. Alice Vickers, Finance Supervisor
Ms. Sherry Snell Fitzpatrick

The Board discussed this item and agreed by consensus for Mr. Eddie Whitehurst to assess the repair issues and bring information to the Board at the next meeting so that contractors could be hired and project priorities could be assigned accordingly.

Commissioner Music advised that he had received a citizen request for speed limit sign installation in the Northdale Subdivision. Chairman Monk stated that his road foreman would look into this issue.

The Board discussed inmate work crew availability. Other discussion included the following: the possibility of hiring a Parks and Recreation employee to manage an inmate crew and municipality needs. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Jeff Goodman, Attorney, advised that he would be discussing the nuisance dog issue and a road lawsuit at the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk

Chairman