

May 25, 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, 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.

Mr. Dinkins led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Merchant opened the meeting.

The Board held a Public Hearing to discuss Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposed grant application for an award amount of up to \$750,000.00 for the Mezzaluna Springs Development. Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, discussed the application and award acceptance process. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Mr. Brandon Young, Attorney

Ms. Mary Margaret Ferris, of Melvin Engineering

Mr. Bennie Little, Community Advisory Task Force member

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Other Board discussion included project timeline and developer and County financial responsibility. Mr. McAllister asked the Board if it would be allowable for him to proceed with the application process. Commissioner Music made a motion for Mr. McAllister to proceed with the application process as he had presented it. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board held a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance #10-02, which was the Animal Control Ordinance as drafted by Attorney Young. Attorney Young advised that this ordinance would amend prior Ordinance #86-04. Also speaking regarding this topic were the following:

Ms. Holly Segers, Health Department Administrator

Mr. Will Morales, of Ben's Place Animal Rescue

Mr. Jay Felsburg, of the Holmes County Advertiser

Chairman Merchant read the ordinance. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Ordinance #10-02. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance #10-02)

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

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911 Products & Services Agreement with Century Link
Highway Lighting, Maintenance & Compensation Agreement with FDOT
2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-
Certificate of Participation
Disasters Strategies & Ideas (DSI) Group, LLC Task Authorization for
Emergency Management
Budget Amendment # 3

Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA) Resolution #10-07. Chairman Merchant stated that a nominee and an alternate were required for the Board of Governors. He suggested Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick for the nomination and Mr. Jim Brook, of the Development Commission, volunteered for the alternate position. Mr. Jim Brook discussed the program and inventory requirements. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve Resolution #10-07 and the nominations of Mrs. Sherry Fitzpatrick to the Board and Mr. Jim Brook as the alternate. Commissioner Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution # 10-07)

The Board discussed the building permit fee waiver request of Mr. William Waddell. Commissioner King made a motion not to waive the permit fee. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed; with Commissioner Monk voting no, and all others voting yes.

(Letter of Request)

Mr. Evan McAllister, of Melvin Engineering, presented training information regarding Fair Housing practices as per the requirements of CDBG. The Board discussed the information. No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Merchant presented two letters of support for the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance and asked if would be allowable for him to sign them. Commissioner Music made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letters. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letters of Support)

Chairman Merchant discussed a proposed State budget amendment for the Arthropod program. He advised that the revised budget would be \$33,276.00 and that some of the funds could be utilized for the purchase of a new truck and sprayer on State bid. The Board discussed

the amendment. Commissioner Music made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Budget Request)

Chairman Merchant presented information regarding the Senior Community Service Employment Program through the Chipley One Stop Career Center. He explained that program participation would be no cost to County and asked the Board if they were interested in this program. He advised that any department could request to participate, and suggested utilizing senior workers at the parks. Commissioner King made a motion to proceed. Commissioner Music seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(Program Information)

Commissioner King asked if it would be allowable to hire a temporary worker for District Two because Mr. David Cullifer had been assisting the Bridge Crew. The Board discussed this item. Commissioner King made a motion to approve hiring a temporary worker. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Merchant advised that he had recently attended the grand opening of the new airport in Panama City. The Board discussed this item. He asked the Board for ideas for attracting businesses to the area. No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Young advised that he had received an email that had been forwarded from Ms. Leanne Zimmerman, of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), which stated that the repairs to the parks had brought them into compliance. No action was taken on this item.

Attorney Young advised that he had received notice that the State was near the completion of the review of the Evaluations and Appraisals Report (EAR) and that he would be preparing the consultant request for qualifications (RFQ's) for the Comprehensive Plan soon.

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

Clerk

Chairman