

September 12, 2011
Tentative Budget Hearing
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners held the Tentative Budget Hearing on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Kenneth Williams, Commissioner Jim King, Commissioner Monty Merchant, and Commissioner Ron Monk, Jr., Chairman of the Board.

Alice Vickers, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board held a public hearing to adopt the tentative millage and the tentative budget.

Chairman Monk stated that the proposed millage is 9.6605 which was the rolled-back rate. He explained that the rolled-back rate was the millage that would generate the same amount of property tax revenue as the prior year. The public was given an opportunity to speak with no one responding.

Commissioner King offered a motion to set the tentative millage at 9.6605 with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the proposed \$40,000 budget for Courthouse Security. The Chairman advised that steps were currently being taken toward this issue such as locking the back door of the Courthouse. Discussion included:

- coordinating through the Sheriff's Department
- contracting the service out instead of hiring a full-time county employee for the front door
- levying an additional \$15 fine with legislative approval to use for security personnel costs

The Board agreed that front door security should be in place by January 1, 2012.

The Board discussed the temporary grass cutter and the temporary inmate supervisor positions that were created earlier in the year. Commissioner Williams advised that funds were on the proposed budget to hire temporary employees in similar positions during the growing season next summer. Commissioner Williams offered a motion to end these temporary positions on September 30th. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Monk discussed budgeting for the road spraying program and also bridge problems. Commissioner King advised that an engineer was coming to discuss using "rail cars" to replace wooden bridges. Commissioner Music advised that his district had replaced a single

span wooden bridge on two different roads with large fiberglass culverts and that it had resolved the bridge problem.

Commissioner King offered a motion to adopt the tentative budget with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner King offered a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing for Monday, September 26, 2011 at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk

Chairman