

August 15, 2017  
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner Danny Powell, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, was present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. The following changes were made to today's agenda:

- 5-1) Development Commission Special District Grant - addition
- 6-1) Legal Services for 79 Project – deletion
- 5-2) Property Appraiser Building – addition
- 5-3) Employee Lunch Breaks - addition

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the amended agenda with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Thomas, Development Commission, requested permission to apply for a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Public Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$1,097,340.10. Discussion included that this money will be used to develop Holmes County Industrial Park and the County will be committed to providing a grant match of an estimated \$150,000.00 of in-kind labor and machinery for road construction and site work. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to send a letter authorizing the Development Commission to apply for the grant with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Raymond Thomas, Development Commission, advised that the Ponce de Leon warehouse has been leased which will bring some jobs to the area.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that an estimate to replace vents, duct work and carpet to alleviate the mold problem in the Property Appraiser's building has been received in the amount of \$14,000.00. Discussion included the availability of other buildings to house the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser offices. Mr. Adams will look into all viable options.

Commissioner Sasnett suggested that the Board employees' lunch break should be incorporated into their 8 hour work day. Discussion included the following:

- Effect on the employees' work schedule
- Belief this will boost morale and improve work output
- This will allow some employees to leave 30 minutes earlier than normally scheduled

Commissioner Locke offered a motion to pay Board employees for their lunch break for a one year trial basis. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, projected that enough FEMA money would be available for 6 miles of alternative procedure work for each district but that the scope of work needs to be determined. Discussion included paving versus chip seal, the bidding process and road selection. Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, discussed the State's requirements regarding this matter. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to have the alternative procedure work done according to Green Book Standards with Commissioner Powell offering a second. Commissioners Locke, Powell, Sasnett and Erickson voted yes with Commissioner Music voting no. The motion passed. Mr. Marsh requested the Commissioners submit in writing their top two road candidates in order to begin public meetings.

Commissioner Erickson advised that a start date for incorporating the lunch break into Board employees' 8 hour work day must be determined. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to pay Board employees for their lunch break starting October 1<sup>st</sup> with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, stated that work has been completed on the Old Mt. Zion project and requested a letter stating that the project has been completed to the County's satisfaction. Discussion included that the remaining work to break up the beaver dam can be done under a maintenance exemption. Commissioner Music offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that \$352,000.00 in additional funding has been requested from DOT to complete the work on CR 181C.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that a letter for additional funding regarding CR 179 will be done tomorrow.

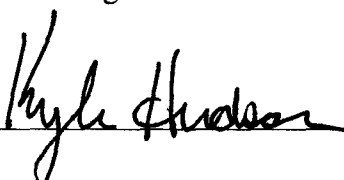
Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that biologists are currently flagging the wetlands on the Bonifay/Gritney and Bonifay/Chiple Road.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that the Idlewood Drive and Court project is almost ready to go out for bid.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that the excavator work to break up the beaver dam on Linwood Drive has been held up due to rain but should begin soon.

Citizen Bruce Butts expressed his appreciation for the County's work on Line Road.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman