

January 18, 2019  
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 Phillip Music, Commissioner Earl Stafford, Commissioner Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. County Attorney Brandon Young led the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner Stafford asked for prayers for Road Department employee Mike Ratcliff as he fights brain cancer.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 10-B) Letter to State Regarding Gas Prices
- 10-C) Letters to DOT Requesting Advance Funding Agreements
- 10-D) Development Commission

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

Shawna Lumpkin, Road Department Secretary, presented an amendment to the DRC Emergency Services debris removal contract providing for the burning of the debris with the cost of the service listed on the agreement. She stated that an agreement is required by DOT in order for the County to be reimbursed for the expense. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to adopt the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that the interviews for the County Coordinator and the Emergency Management Director positions will be held Tuesday. A Special Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to present the top candidates to the Board.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that he has received a notice that a formal protest will be filed in regards to awarding The Integrity Group the disaster recovery services contract. This will delay the contract with The Integrity Group and will be discussed further at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Session.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, stated that the task orders for Melvin Engineering and Dewberry Engineering to begin the preliminary assessment work on the FEMA alternative procedures projects will be discussed further at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Session.

Chairman Erickson stated that any changes to the County Coordinator's job description should be made before the Special Session on Tuesday. Discussion included the Coordinator's authority over the daily tasks of

the Road Department and the position's authority to hire or terminate employees. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to reinstate the position's authority to hire and terminate employees while reducing their authority over the daily tasks of the Road Department. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Erickson presented a proposed letter to the State requesting that the Attorney General and Division of Consumer Service investigate any potential collusion, price-fixing or gouging in the sale or distribution of gasoline in Holmes County. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to approve the Chairman signing the letter with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Chairman Erickson presented a proposed letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting an advanced funding agreement in the amount of \$463,438 for engineering costs to improve CR 179 from the Washington County line to Pheil Drive. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the Chairman signing the letter with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Chairman Erickson presented a proposed letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting an advanced funding agreement to resurface Idlewood Drive and Idlewood Court. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to approve the Chairman signing the letter with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Commissioner Sasnett entered the meeting.

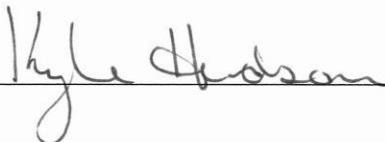
Chairman Erickson discussed the request received from the Development Commission to move into the Gulf Power building. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Moving the current residents – Veterans Service and Building Department
- No statute found requiring County to provide building space for Development Commission
- Rent charged to Development Commission for current office
- 1957 agreement with the County

Rebecca Prince, Holmes County Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Commission's request to move. The Board agreed by consensus to reject the request for the move because no other buildings are available

Commissioner Newsom stated that the item he added to the agenda regarding debris hauling for James Slaughter is being handled by Special Road Projects Manager Albert Jordan.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Clerk

  
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Chairman