

January 31, 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 Bobby Sasnett, 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. Project Director David Corbin led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 5-B) Milling
- 5-C) FEMA
- 5-D) Public Records Request
- 5-E) Lobbyist Contract

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

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to rescind the motion to have Project Director David Corbin look at all the applications submitted for the Emergency Management Director position, conduct the interviews and return with a recommendation. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed hiring John Hagans, the #2 candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. Mr. Hagans presented his work experience and plans to place more shelters in the County. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to hire Mr. Hagans at the same rate of pay as the previous Director allowing him to serve out a two week notice on his current job. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sasnett discussed milling that has become available to the County free of charge. There is enough milling for each District to get approximately 30 loads each. The Board agreed to have the trucks start Monday to get the milling and have five loads delivered to the Shop.

Hannah Benton, FEMA Project Monitor, advised that the County has completed the work on FEMA PW #294 and requested direction as to further FEMA work. Discussion included the eight unfinished PWs the Board agreed to put out for bid and the calls the commissioners have received from contractors wanting to enter bids on the remaining PWs. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to have the Road Department work on FEMA PW #280 in District 5 and have it removed from the list of PWs going out for bid. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Music, Stafford and Sasnett voted yes with Commissioner Erickson voting no. The motion passed.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that DLC has not rescinded the public records request they filed regarding the disaster recovery services bid. He stated that disqualifying all of the bidders for the service did not eliminate the request and stated that the Commissioners needed to provide the requested records in a timely manner.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that he has negotiated the lobbyist consultant service contract with Liberty Partners and they have agreed to provide the service for \$2,000 per month for five months. Discussion included of this matter included the following:

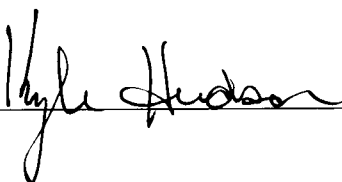
- Vacant RMT position in District 2 with salary and benefits equals \$39,292.42
- \$18,000 awarded to EMS to fund the EMT position at the New Hope station
- Use of remaining funds from position

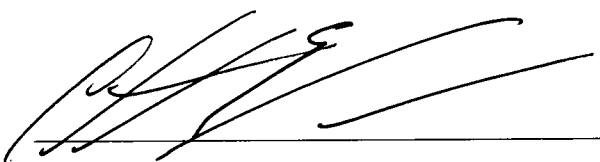
Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to use \$5,000 from the vacant RMT position to hire Ronnie Braxton for beaver trapping services with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to use \$10,000 from the vacant RMT position to fund the Liberty Partners lobbyist consultant service contract and to give the Chairman the authority to sign the task order. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Connell, EMS Director, discussed his plan to use the \$18,000 to fund an ambulance crew at the New Hope station ten hours a day, seven days a week for the remainder of this fiscal year. He advised that there was not enough money available to have a crew available 24 hours a day, but the ten hours will cover the peak time of day for accidents according to EMS statistics.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that Michael Gerald, the interim Building Inspector, will drive his personal vehicle to the Building Department and then use the County vehicle to conduct the inspections. Mr. Corbin advised that this would eliminate Mr. Gerald's trip charge and save the County \$200 per week.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman