

March 13, 2018  
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner Clint Erickson, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Danny Powell, Chairman of the Board.

Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator, and Brandon Young, County Attorney, were present.

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

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. EMS Director Steve Connell led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 6-A) Shelter Retrofit Grant
- 5-J) Hiring County Coordinator
- 5-K) Work & Clean-up Day

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

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt the February 27, 2018 Regular Session minutes with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth Mitchell advised that the ditch at the end of his drive on Hwy 179A in Westville is overgrown to the point of obstructing his view of oncoming traffic. Mr. Mitchell stated he has reported the issue to the Road Department two times that have been documented and that he has now been cited by the State for using pesticides to kill the weeds at the end of his drive. Commissioner Locke advised Mr. Mitchell that he will make certain the problem is taking care of immediately.

Jack Locke, Tri-Co Airport Authority, stated that he is withdrawing his request for the County to employ a manager at the airport at this time. Mr. Locke advised that an airport manager will be hired as a TAA employee.

Jim Town, Tri-Co Airport Authority, gave an update on the Tri-Co Airport's activities, planning and zoning requirements, current financial status and future plans.

Chuck Aaronholt advised that the current FEMA dirt work on Tobe Retherford Road is causing flooding to occur in his yard.

Mike Moore, Jail Administrator, presented an \$11,900 quote for materials to put a new roof on the office portion of the jail. Mr. Moore stated that he intends to use inmate labor to complete the work. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to release the funds for the roof materials with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator, discussed the condition of the bush hogging equipment and the plans to start cutting grass.

Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator, requested approval for Commissioner Erickson and County Attorney Brandon Young to travel to the Canvassing Board Conference. Mr. Marsh advised that the travel expense has been budgeted. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Kyle Hudson, Clerk of Court, advised that the change in the corporate tax rate will increase the cost of the Work Camp Bond by \$6,255 this year with an annual increase of approximately \$8,400 in the coming years. Discussion included that the increased money guarantees the bond holders a return and changing the terms of the bond. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to pay this year's increase of \$6,255 from the contingency fund with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, requested approval for her and her assistant to attend the Governor's Hurricane Conference. Discussion included that the expense has been budgeted and her plans to flex off the time rather than pay overtime. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, presented the Memorandum of Agreement which will allow the Health Department emergency-only access to the Holmes County Emergency Management building. County Attorney Brandon Young stated he had reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to execute the agreement with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Raymon Thomas, Development Commission, advised that the County was awarded a \$6,000 grant to create an eco-industrial park and requested that the Board approve the grant or turn the grant over to the Development Commission. Mr. Thomas also advised that he intended to request an extension because he is not prepared for the deliverables and tasks deadline scheduled for next month. Commissioner Erickson offered a

motion to send a letter to the Department of Economic Opportunity requesting an extension with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the applications submitted for the County Coordinator position. County Attorney Brandon Young advised that Joey Marsh's in-house application could be given preference according to the County's policy and procedures. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to hire Joey Marsh for the County Coordinator position with Commissioner Music offering a second. The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Raymon Thomas, Development Commission
- Rebecca Prince, Tourist Development Council
- Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator

Commissioners Erickson, Sasnett, Music and Powell voted yes with Commissioner Locke voting no. The motion passed contingent on approval of an employment contract.

Commissioner Erickson requested the use of County employees to clean up the County's parks on the Thursday prior to Easter Sunday.

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, requested approval of a shelter retrofit grant to wire the Bonifay K8 School for a generator to use when the facility is needed as a shelter. Discussion included that the grant would reimburse 100% of the cost, the School Board's tentative approval of using the school's generator and that the work can be completed during the summer break. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the grant contingent on the School Board approving the use of the school's generator. Commissioner Locke offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, updated the Board as to the CR 181 paving grant application. Mr. Adams also advised that the CR 162 and Deacon Road paving projects are close to completion.

Alyssa Pettis, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that the application for the CR 181C project has been submitted to DOT with approval pending. Ms. Peters also advised that the Tobe Retherford Road SCOP project is approximately 60% complete and discussed the drainage issue.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the RFP for the wireless internet service, how Washington County handles the service and the option of renting space off the towers rather than retaining a percentage of the subscription fees. This matter is tabled until the next session.

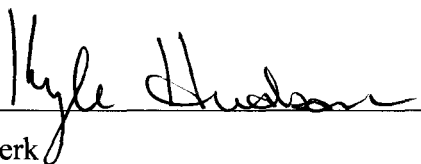
Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator, advised that the RFQ for engineering services and his County Coordinator contract will be brought back at the next session.


Jim Town discussed the Hwy 79 Corridor Authority Interlocal Agreement advising that the agreement is not ready but that there is a need to get the planning committee members appointed in order to start working on activating the board and hiring a general manager. Discussion included that the planning committee members will potentially become the Authority's Board members and the need for a Holmes County citizen recommendation for the committee. A Special Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss citizen recommendations.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to use maintenance funds to purchase twelve loads of milled asphalt for use on Muir Lane and Deacon Road. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Joey Marsh, Acting County Coordinator, addressed the use of County employees to pick up trash along the road when conditions are too wet for road work. Mr. Marsh also discussed the hiring process for the County Coordinator position and his work with the Road Department Foremen.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman