

April 11, 2017  
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 Danny Powell, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, and Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, were present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 5-4) Purchase of Bonifay Elementary School building - add
- 6-5) Library Interlocal Agreement and Vacant Position - add
- 6-6) Heavy Equipment Operator position with Bridge Crew - add

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

Matthew Standish, Veterans Outreach Program Specialist with the Bay County Vet Center, conducted a Vietnam War Commemoration. The program included discussing the services the Bay County Vet Center has available to veterans, reading the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Proclamation issued by President Barak Obama on May 25, 2012, and special recognition of the following Holmes County Vietnam veterans:

- James Ronnie Curry, Sergeant, United States Air Force
- Lee Johnson, E6, United States Army
- Mike Laurie, Sergeant, United States Air Force
- Joseph Sallas, Private First Class, United States Army
- Darlene Nolan, E4, United States Army
- Bob Lewis, Sergeant, United States Marine Corp
- David Russell, Lance Corporal, United States Marine Corp
- Alford Williams, E7, United States Air Force
- Mike Kabaci, Chief Warrant Officer 3, United States Army

(Proclamation)

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the March 20, 2017 Special Session, March 28, 2017 Regular Session, March 28, 2017 Workshop and March 30, 2017 Special Session minutes. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Newsome requested the Board rescind the variance request approved during the March 28, 2017 Regular Session to accommodate a RV resort proposed by owner David McQuary. Discussion included the problems with the RV resorts presently owned and operated by Mr. McQuary. Mr. Newsome was advised that

the Board only approved the land use change per the Planning Commission's recommendation and that he should contact the city of Ponce de Leon since the proposed resort will be within their city limits.

Alford Williams advised that the Road Department had encroached on his land by widening J.W. Miller Road each time the road grader repaired the road. Commissioner Sasnett agreed to meet with Mr. Williams to work on building up the shoulder of the road.

Alford Williams asked if the Bethlehem Church Road is on the list to be chip sealed and asked that the County take any needed right of way from the opposite side of the road instead of the church parking lot. FEMA Director Joey Marsh will meet with Mr. Williams.

Jody Bush advised on the *Relay For Life* events taking place and asked for the Commissioners' support. Discussion included the following:

- County-wide decline in participation
- Sponsorship packets requesting financial support
- Empty Shoes event at the Courthouse which will allow people to honor loved ones lost to cancer by displaying a pair of empty shoes in their memory
- Car Show fundraiser at the Ag Center
- Reading of the "Paint the County Purple" proclamation
- Reading of the Street Talk article titled "Wish Upon a Cure"

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the "Paint the County Purple" proclamation for Holmes County with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Proclamation)

EMS Director Steve Connell advised that Dr. Yunus was stepping down as the County Medical Director. Discussion included that this is not a paid position but is required for EMS to provide Advanced Life Support Services and that Dr. Kyle Contini has offered his services for this position at no charge to the County. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the agreement naming Dr. Contini as the new Medical Director effective May 1, 2017 through January 5, 2019. Commissioner Powell offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director advised that a request for proposals for a Debris Management Plan for debris removal services after a major event will be brought back before the Board at the next meeting to give the County Attorney time to review the documents.

Commissioner Powell stated the County needed to pursue the purchase of the Bonifay Elementary School building. Discussion included the following:

- An update on TAMCO's attempts to secure grants to renovate the hospital building
- School Board's response to the tentative offer by the Board

- Funding source to purchase the school building from sale proceeds of Fair Grounds property (\$225,000.00) and remainder to come from “Ivan” fund
- Future use of the building

The following individuals spoke regarding this matter:

- Kyle Hudson, Clerk of Court
- Terry Mears, School Superintendent

Commissioner Powell offered a motion to submit an offer of \$250,000.00 to the School Board for the purchase of the building to be paid from Fair Ground property sale and “Ivan” fund. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Susan Harris, Library Director, requested renewal of the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Multi-County Cooperative Library Service to keep the consortium between Calhoun County, Holmes County and Jackson County. Commission Music offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion pass unanimously.

(Agreement)

Susan Harris, Library Director, advised the Board that due to an employee retiring she will soon have a vacant position and requested approval to advertise this position. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a quote of \$22,342.95 from Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc. (TEC, Inc.) to repair a damaged District 4 Excavator. Mr. Adams advised that after the money from the insurance company is used the Road Department would pay approximately \$2,000.00 from their Repair and Maintenance Fund. Mr. Adams requested guidance as to whether the Board wished to purchase a new excavator or repair the damaged one. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to have TEC, Inc. repair the excavator at the quoted price with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested to hire Gregory Strunk as a FEMA full time temporary Road Maintenance Technician to be used part time as a Mechanic to alleviate the Shop’s backlog of work. Mr. Adams advised he would oversee Mr. Strunk’s work schedule. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested to hire Brandon Riley and David Croft for the Mower/Bush Hog positions. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that a fuel log review has revealed disparities in the amount of fuel received and the amount dispensed. Mr. Adams discussed the steps that have been taken as a temporary

remedy for this problem and offered a few options as a permanent fix. The Board directed Mr. Adams to compile a list of all viable options for the Board to consider and present them at the next session.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested to transfer Jessie McAdams to Bridge Crew Heavy Equipment Operator position and permission to advertise the Grader position that Mr. McAdams is vacating in District 1. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the requests with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, presented the BancorpSouth financing documents for purchasing the five dump trucks from Kenworth of Dothan approved at the March 20, 2017 Special Session. Commissioner Music offered a motion to sign the BancorpSouth documents with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Financing Documents)

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt Resolution 17-06 to give the Chairman the authority to sign the BancorpSouth documents financing the dump trucks. Commissioner Powell offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution)

Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the Buyback Option Agreement stating that Kenworth will purchase the dump trucks 13 months from the date of sale. Commissioner Locke offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, gave a brief update on the FEMA work in the County stating that everything was going as planned and that the crews were given time off for the Easter holiday.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, presented a Highway 79 Corridor boundary overlay map for review stating that the matter would be discussed at a later meeting.

The Board verified that Lake Cassidy is open to the public.

Kyle Hudson, Clerk of Court, requested permission to hold the Relay for Life Empty Shoe event on the Courthouse steps Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the event with the requirement that the event would be monitored. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

  
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Clerk

  
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Chairman