

April 30, 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, Commissioner Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, and David Corbin, Project Director, were present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Albert Jordan, Special Road Projects Manager, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. There were no changes made to the agenda.

Bob Stinebaugh, The Integrity Group, presented an update on the FEMA #4138 project. The update included discussion of the following matters:

- Number of PWs completed and remaining
- Approval pending for changing paving to chip sealing of roads
- Validation process with FEMA
- Amount of validated funds
- Timeline to complete project by the August 2020 deadline
- Approval of extension still pending
- Continuation of County's FEMA work while extension request is pending
- Contracting out the remainder of the FEMA work

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to have the County Attorney prepare a RFP to contract out the remaining FEMA work and present it for approval at the May 28th Regular Session. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued as to expense of paying the Road Department employees to continue FEMA work while the decision on granting an extension is pending. Alice Vickers, Interim Clerk of Court, discussed the County's monthly FEMA expenses. Discussion also included using the proceeds from the future equipment sale to pay FEMA workers until the extension has been decided. The Board agreed by consensus to use the validated funds to pay for the County to continue FEMA work for one month to allow FEMA to make a decision on the extension request. The Board directed that the Road Department would need to start working Saturdays on the FEMA projects.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, advised that DOT requires that all paved roads meet the Green Book Standards and that chip seal is considered paving a road. He stated that some of the roads on the alternative procedures list will have to be brought up to these standards and might require easements from the affected property owners. The Board scheduled a Special Session for May 14th at 8:00 a.m. to discuss this matter further. Mr. Stinebaugh announced that the Special Session along with the RFP to contract out the remaining FEMA work should satisfy FEMA's requirement for a timeline to complete the project.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, advised that there may be a reduction in the scope of work on the Bonifay/Gritney Road paving project due to two property owners refusing to sign property releases. He will present a map of the proposed modifications at the May 14th Special Session. He also advised that the Army Corps permits are still pending for this and the Bonifay/Chipley Road paving project.

Chairman Erickson stated that the Development Commission might help with the County's \$50,000 portion of the Highway 79 Corridor administrative costs. He stated that a presentation to the Development Commission is scheduled.

Steve Connell, EMS Director, presented a proposal to hire a full time paramedic to fill the vacant EMT position. He discussed his overtime budget, projected costs of hiring a full-time paramedic and the requirements of having a paramedic on duty. Mr. Connell advised that he will discuss this request with the Finance office and return to the Board with definite cost estimates.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman