

May 9, 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:

- 5-7) Surplus Dirt Hauling - add
- 6-3) Beaver Eradication - add
- 6-4) Policy for Hauling Tires – add
- 8-1) Tobe Retherford Road Paving Project - add

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

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the April 25, 2017 Regular Session minutes. Commissioner Powell offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter from CareerSource Chipola was presented requesting appointment to their Board for the next term. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to reappoint Debbie Kolmetz and Cheri Gilmore to serve on the CareerSource Chipola Board with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music requested to add J.F. Carnley Lane to the County Maintained Roads list. County Attorney Jeff Goodman advised that the affected property owner must be willing to give the County an easement if one has not been obtained. County Coordinator Wesley Adams will review and ensure that the County's procedure was followed in naming the road and that an easement is obtained.

Commissioner Erickson gave an update on the progress of the application for \$3 million grant for a County Annex Building. The update included the following:

- Tammy Ray, TAMCO, had advised that the County did not receive the legislative appropriation funding to renovate the old hospital building
- The School Board has not taken any action on the County's \$250,000.00 offer on the Bonifay Elementary School building and property
- Tammy Ray has requested the Board advise if she should complete the grant application using the school building or \$250,000.00 cash as the match

Commissioner Powell offered a motion per the following terms:

- To send a letter to the School Board allowing two weeks to accept the County's offer with the offer to be rescinded on 05/16/2017 if not accepted

- If the offer is accepted, Tammy Ray will pursue a \$3 million grant using the school building as a match
- If offer is not accepted, Ms. Ray is to pursue a new construction grant using \$250,000.00 cash as the match

Commissioner Locke offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to rescind the previous motion to have TAMCO pursue funding for renovating the hospital building as a county annex office. Commissioner Locke offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Nathan Nelson, retired U.S. Air Force Captain and Deputy Director of Military Affairs for Congressman Matt Gaetz, requested support for the Gulf Test Range Enhancement Resolution advising that the test range will relieve the aircraft congestion caused by current training missions and ensure military readiness while not affecting recreational fishing and boating. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously

(Resolution)

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, requested permission to advertise a Request for Proposal for a Debris Removal Service with the bid to be awarded on 06/13/2017. Discussion included the following:

- A debris management plan will ensure that the County has a contractor in place to provide services for debris removal following a major event
- A Resolution will need to be adopted for debris removal from private property
- Working with the Health Department to develop debris removal procedures

Commissioner Music offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, requested approval of two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between The American Red Cross and Holmes County to define the working relationship and appoint Emergency Evacuation Shelters in the event of emergencies and disasters. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the two MOUs with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Memorandums of Understanding)

David Brazile, Arthropod Director, advised that mosquito spraying started on May 1st and requested permission to advertise for a part time spray technician. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to advertise the position with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music requested a policy to haul surplus “ditch dirt” from the County pit to private citizens and businesses. Discussion included the following:

- Hiring of truck drivers to deliver the dirt by private individuals and businesses
- Amount to charge for dirt
- The need for a signed waiver and release of liability to go on County property
- Specified areas in pits for surplus dirt to be loaded
- County worker’s time and pay to load dirt

County Coordinator Wesley Adams is to get with District 3 and 4 and see if a time slot can be created for this service and will bring information back to next session along with a price list.

County Coordinator Wesley Adams advised that school buses have been having problems near the park in the Prosperity area and requested that the speed limit be lowered from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. The County Engineer is to go to the area with the County Coordinator to advise what will be involved in adjusting the speed limit.

County Coordinator Wesley Adams recommended hiring Cassandra Pollard for the position of Board Secretary at \$12.50 per hour. Discussion included the responsibilities of the Board Secretary and the FEMA Secretary, the requested rate of pay and the standard 6 months probationary period. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to hire Ms. Pollard at the stated rate of pay with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Powell offered a motion that future job interviews conducted by the County Coordinator should not include a member of the Board. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Sasnett, Music and Powell voted yes and Commissioners Erickson and Locke voted no. The motion passed.

County Coordinator Wesley Adams requested a policy for picking up and taking tires to the Recycling Center for private citizens and businesses. County Attorney Jeff Goodman advised that the Board must consider whether it is a health issue, charging for the service and handling any profit made. Commissioners agreed that the County does not have the time or resources to offer this service.

County Coordinator Wesley Adams advised that the beaver trapping service through USDA could cost the County up to \$10,000.00 per year with an option to pay \$500.00 per week as the service is needed. Discussion included allowing Road workers to set traps after being properly licensed or allowing Animal Control to handle this. No action was taken.

County Coordinator Wesley Adams advised that the Volvo grader is set for auction on May 22nd with a minimum price set at \$60,000.00.

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, gave an update on the Tobe Retherford Road paving project. The updated included the following:

- 81 total property owners on the road

- 44 have executed or agreed to sign an easement
- 17 refused to sign an easement
- 20 unknown property owners
- Middle 38 parcels are the problem areas where easements cannot be obtained (Part 2)

Mr. Adams recommended presenting a request to DOT changing the scope of the project to pave the first 1.6 miles (Part 1) and the last 1.4 miles (Part 3) of Tobe Retherford Road, leaving an unpaved gap in the middle. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the recommendation with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

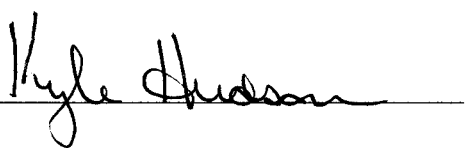
(Tobe Retherford Project Map)

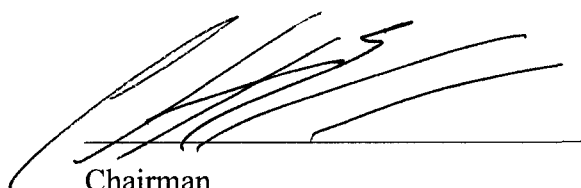
County Attorney Jeff Goodman advised that a change of distribution for the Local Gas Tax (LOGT) funds is due October 1st. The discussion included the options of going with statutory requirement, leaving the agreement "as is" requiring PDL to take it to Court or attempting to renegotiate another agreement. A public meeting will be scheduled in early June for the Board, the municipalities and the County Attorney to discuss the issue further.

County Attorney Jeff Goodman advised that there is an outstanding invoice for approximately \$1,000.00 due the auditors Carr, Riggs and Ingram for their work on the LOGT issue. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to pay the invoice with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson requested another Grader to be used by District 5 and District 3 and asked the Board to consider this in the future.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman