

May 14, 2019
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 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 9:28 a.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 10-A) SCRAP and SCOP Road Submittals
- 6-B) Public Works Week in Walton County
- 10-B) New Effort Church Road

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

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the April 30, 2019 Executive Session, Special Session and Regular Session minutes with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Steven Miller, a private citizen, advised that someone has barricaded Blake Drive so that he cannot reach his private property. He stated that the County has not maintained the road since 2016 and that the Sheriff's office was unable to assist him. County Attorney Brandon Young advised that, if the County did not formally abandon the road, it cannot be barricaded. However, if the road was abandoned by the County, the issue would have to be settled through a civil suit. Project Director David Corbin will research the issue and contact Mr. Miller with his findings.

Alice Vickers, Interim Clerk of Court, presented the quotes received for financing the 2019 Caterpillar backhoe. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to award the quote to the Hancock Whitney Bank at 3.79% for 4 years with annual payments in arrears and to authorize Chairman Erickson to sign the financing documents. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Alice Vickers, Interim Clerk of Court, presented a written memo detailing the 2019-20 budget process and requesting costs estimates of any projects, personnel or equipment that will need to be incorporated into the budget. Discussion of this matter included the \$50,000 needed for the Hwy 79 Corridor administrative costs and the current level of the reserve funds. The Board directed Project Director David Corbin to work with all departments on the 2019-20 budget.

(Memo)

Albert Jordan, Special Road Project Manager, advised that Asplundh would start the Dogwood Lakes tree removal on May 20th and that the County would have a cleanup crew with them. The Board directed that a notice be posted for traffic while the work is in progress.

Albert Jordan, Special Road Project Manager, advised that two PWs remain outstanding on the FEMA #4138 project.

Albert Jordan, Special Road Project Manager, and Raymon Thomas, Development Commission, discussed the dozer work being done for the Development Commission property stating that the trees have been removed. Discussion included cutting the hill on the property and moving the dirt and whether to rent the equipment or contract out the work. The Board directed Mr. Jordan to continue using the dozer and an excavator to complete the project.

Albert Jordan, Special Road Project Manager, advised he would view Line Road to see if it could be repaired by cutting out the bad portion and filling with lime rock.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that, within 60 days, the insurance company will issue a check in the amount of \$154,000 for the totaled dump truck. Andy Tharp, Road Foreman, presented a \$148,592 quote for a 2020 Kenworth truck with the same specs as the totaled dump truck. Discussion included auctioning off all the current Kenworth dump trucks in order to purchase new trucks at the quoted amount and possibly getting a loaner truck while waiting for the insurance money. The Board directed Mr. Tharp to get quotes for auctioning off the County's current equipment and buying new dump trucks and four backhoes.

David Corbin, Project Director, announced that Walton County was celebrating Public Works Week on May 22nd and requested that the Holmes County Road Department participate in an equipment rodeo competition. The Board agreed to send the Road Foremen from Districts 1, 2 and 4 with equipment operators.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, requested the County's SCOP submittals for the \$20 million of additional funding DOT awarded for SCRAP and SCOP projects in rural counties. Discussion included the engineer's and the Special Road Project Manger's recommendations. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to submit John Clark Highway and the paved section of Line Road for SCOP funding as well as submitting phase two of CR 181 and phase two of CR 179 for SCRAP funding. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, discussed laying out the prescriptive easement flags on Bonifay/Gritney Road on the unreleased portion of the road. County Attorney Brandon Young advised that the Board would not have to take any action for Mr. Knauer to work within the prescriptive easement for that portion of the road.

Commissioner Newsom advised that he has received complaints about Simmons Road being removed from the FEMA alternative procedures list of roads. Commissioner Sasnett stated that he would remove Valee

Road from that list, hoping that the State will pave the road, and put Simmons Road back on the list. Project Director David Corbin read the current list of alternative procedures roads for each district for approval.

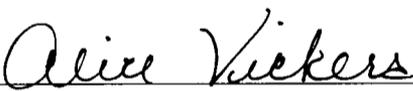
(Updated List of Roads)

Chairman Erickson stated that a grader hit a church pavilion on New Effort Church Road and requested that an inmate crew be sent to repair the pavilion. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Erickson advised that a property owner on 177A has installed a concrete culvert that does not meet specifications. County Attorney Brandon Young will send a letter to the property owner advising that no permit was procured for the culvert and giving 30 days to remove it.

Daryl Dockery discussed repairs and the paving of Valee Road. Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, discussed submitting the paving project for CIGP funds once DOT has completed the bridges and the matching funds that might be required. The Board agreed by consensus to back slope the road at Valee Road to reduce the water drainage issue.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Clerk



Chairman