

July 9, 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 9:16 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:

- 5-F) Variance Request
- 10-B) County Road 65
- 9-B) Integrity Contract
- 9-C) Liberty Partners Contract

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

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the June 19, 2019 Special Session minutes with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

George Gauss, a private citizen, left before the meeting started after Project Director David Corbin resolved his issue.

Kalyn Waters, Extension Service Director, presented an invitation to Farm Share being held this Saturday. This is a food distribution program that has no age or income requirements.

Chairman Erickson presented a \$120 quote to purchase 150 "In God We Trust" bumper stickers to place on the County's equipment. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to purchase the bumper stickers with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

The Board expressed their appreciation for the plaque of the Holmes County Seal that was created by Veteran Service Officer Amy Cutchen.

Romina Valerio, SHIP Administrator for Holmes County, presented the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. She requested that the Board approve the Certification to Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Resolution 19-11 allowing the Chairman to execute the necessary documents to apply for the LHAP funding for the next three years. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to

approve the certification and Resolution 19-11 with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Certification and Resolution)

Ann Payne, Recycling Director, presented the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant Application for approval. She advised that there are no changes in the terms of the grant agreement from the previous year. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the grant application with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed their appreciation for the job that Ms. Payne does at the Holmes County Recycling Center.

(Application)

Chairman Erickson discussed appointing a homestead property owner to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to appoint Jeff Good to the VAB with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Brandi Lowery, Board's Executive Assistant, presented a variance request that was approved by the Planning Council. Richard Custead requested a variance in the density requirement on his 38.9 acres in order to build his home on the property. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Parcel Map)

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that Melinda Pollock, Environmental Engineering, has stated that the County landfill on Old Liberty School Road will be closed. He discussed the money the County will save on monitoring fees. County Attorney Brandon Young will review the landfill close-out paperwork and present it for the Board's approval at a later meeting.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that he will have a hiring recommendation for the Emergency Management Director next week. He stated that he will present updates when the Emergency Management Assistant and two other vacant positions in the County are filled.

Tommy Walker, Thompson Tractor Company, presented a governmental contract quote to purchase or lease a Weiler S200 soil stabilizer/reclaimer. He discussed the machine's performance and capabilities. The Board tabled this matter until delivery of the limestone begins for the FEMA alternative procedures roads.

(Quote)

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that multiple complaints continue to be received regarding A & A Disposal's garbage service. Discussion of this matter included that this is the second time offenses have been brought before the Board, the disrepair of the company's equipment and the poor health of the owner.

Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to send a letter to the company's owner giving him 30 days to improve his garbage service or the company will be disenfranchised. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Connell, on behalf of the 12.50 Surcharge Committee, presented a quote from Baxter Broadcast to remove the broken lighting system on the Prosperity Tower and install the new equipment for \$2,750. He advised that Baxter Broadcast recommended the SPX LED lighting system in the amount of \$5,600. Commissioner Music offered a motion to have Baxter Broadcast remove the old lighting equipment and replace with the SPX equipment using 12.50 surcharge funds. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed giving the 12.50 Surcharge Committee a threshold amount that would not need the Board's approval. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to set a \$5,000 threshold that the 12.50 Surcharge Committee could spend with approval from the Project Director. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, presented cost estimates of two options to repair the drainage issues on Love Road caused by the steep grade and deep ditches. Discussion included using rip rap with baskets, reducing the slope and using County labor to save money. Commissioner Sasnett will review the options with Special Road Projects Manager Albert Jordan to see if using County labor is possible.

(Options)

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, advised that the SCRAP and SCOP applications for the additional \$20 million are ready for the Project Director's signature.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented an amended interlocal agreement with the Development Commission stating that the \$50,000 the commission has offered to pay on behalf of the County for the Highway 79 Corridor administrative costs will be reimbursed irrespective of the project sustaining a profit. According to this amended agreement, this money will be an interest-free loan with a seven year term. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to execute the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Amended Agreement)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented an amended contract with The Integrity Group due to the original contract including only disaster recovery services rendered for Hurricane Michael and future disasters. This amended agreement will incorporate the older disaster events, DR 4138 and DR 4399, as well as future events. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to approve the new agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

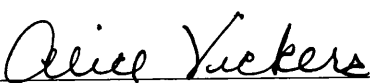
Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that Liberty Partners will renew their lobbyist services contract with the County for 10 months starting October 1st for \$2,000 per month. The Board tabled this matter to be discussed during the budget process.

Steve Connell, EMS Director, advised that the Division of Forestry has offered a 100% reimbursable grant to the local fire departments affected by Hurricane Michael for equipment and gear. He requested that the Board consider advancing the money for the municipal fire departments that are awarded the grant. Discussion included that the departments must submit an application for the grant funds, the State should reimburse the funds within 2 to 3 weeks and that the departments would have to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County for the funds received. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion for the County to advance the grant money to the municipal fire departments with Mr. Connell to bring back the exact dollar amount for approval. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.


Commissioner Sasnett discussed adding Marrow Lane, Vallee Road and Simmons Road to the FEMA alternative procedures list for paving. Discussion included that Simmons Road is not currently on the list and will be added if enough funds are available.

Commissioner Stafford requested approval to obtain the needed easements from the affected property owners on County Road 65 for the Road Department to straighten out a dangerous curve. The Board approved the request by consensus.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Clerk



Chairman