

July 17, 2017
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner Danny Powell, 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 6:04 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 5-2) Volunteer Fire Department item will be presented by Steve Connell - change
- 5-4) Employees' Work Schedule – addition

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

Susan Harris, Library Director, requested to order 300 reprints of the book *Holmsteading* by E. W. Carswell from Rose Printing at a charge of \$20.00 each. Discussion included that the Library currently has only two copies remaining available to sell, the amount the Library receives from the sale of each book and that the funds to order the reprint are available from donations. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Connell, Emergency Medical Services, presented a revised Agreement that the Fire Department Committee has created between the County and the Volunteer Fire Services for approval. Discussion included:

- The committee was formed to identify areas where the Volunteer Firefighters need help
- Previous 2004 agreement was only signed by 2 fire departments
- Statutes have established new training and reporting requirements
- The committee's role and responsibility in enforcing the agreement
- Availability of training and qualified volunteers
- Liability to the County regarding worker's comp claims
- Grants available for gear and equipment

The following citizens spoke regarding this topic:

- Charlie Frank, State Fire Marshal office
- Jeff Goodman, County Attorney

The Board agreed to hold a Special Session on August 8th at 8:00 a.m. to review the new agreement with Fire Department personnel.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that a letter has been received from Jack Sewell, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, inviting all Florida County Commissioners to participate in the Florida County Commissioners' White House Conference on July 27, 2017. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve Commissioner Erickson's travel and hotel expense for this conference in the amount of \$946.62. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Locke

offered a motion to approve Commissioner Powell's travel and hotel expense for this conference up to the amount of \$1,300.00. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

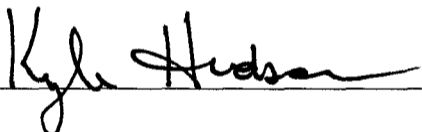
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Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to move the Budget Workshop previously scheduled for July 27, 2017 to July 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. due to the White House visit. Commissioner Locke offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

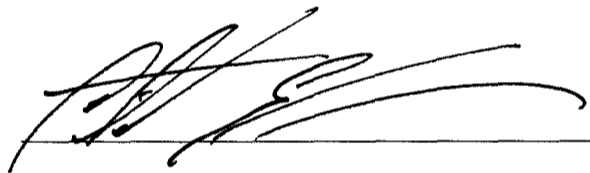
Chairman Erickson advised that he has been receiving complaints about County workers going to get breakfast after clocking in for work. Discussion included options to punish the offending employees and instituting a 5 day work week for Road Department employees. The County Coordinator will meet with the Road Foremen and advise them that actions are needed to solve this problem.

County Attorney Jeff Goodman advised that the meeting with the municipalities regarding the Local Option Gas Tax is scheduled for July 20, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman