

July 25, 2019  
Budget Workshop  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Workshop 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 3:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 4-B) Ag Center
- 4-C) FEMA Rock
- 4-D) Budget Hearing Dates

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

Chairman Erickson discussed the expenses the County incurred due to Hurricane Michael and the affect it had on the current year's budget.

David Corbin, Project Director, presented the proposed cuts made to the 2019-20 budget in an effort to balance to the current millage rate. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Efforts to spread the cuts across all departments
- Sheriff's Office's limited ability to assume Animal Control services
- EMS part-time positions may get close to 30 hours per week
- Noma Fire Department did not submit a request for funds
- Library cuts may affect their State aid funds
- Mr. Corbin tasked with monitoring the gas/fuel expense budget
- Building up reserves to \$1 million

The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Alice Vickers, Clerk of Court

The Board to approve the proposed budget cuts at the Special Session following this workshop.

(Proposed Budget Cuts)

John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff, advised that his office had received their Hurricane Michael FEMA money and will promptly reimburse the County for the advance extended to his office. He also discussed that, due to his office's efforts to reduce inmate medical costs, he may have approximately \$20,000 to roll forward to the County. The Board discussed allocating the money back to the Sheriff's Office with \$14,000 to Jail Maintenance and \$6,000 to Inmate Medical Contingencies. Tammy Bozeman, Holmes County Sheriff's Office Finance Director, requested that someone negotiate with Doctor's Memorial Hospital concerning medical services

to the Holmes County Jail. She advised that hospitals in surrounding counties have worked with their office to offer discounts for inmate medical services. The Board directed Project Director David Corbin to schedule a meeting with the hospital to discuss this issue.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, stated that he will advise the Union that there are no funds budgeted to negotiate an increase in employees' wages this year.

Steve Connell, EMS Director, discussed the problem he is having obtaining the reports required by the County agreement from some of the local fire departments. He requested that the following fire departments get an increase of \$1,000 in their budgeted allotment for being in compliance:

- Pine Log
- Ponce de Leon
- Esto

Discussion included that Bonifay is in compliance, but has already been given a \$5,000 increase from last year's budget. Discussion also included withholding the department's payment until they are in compliance with the County agreement.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that Senator George Gainer is reaching out to the Department of Agriculture to help with the repairs needed at the Ag Center. Kalyn Waters, Extension Service Director, advised that the University of Florida has prohibited any of the Extension Service employees from entering the building and that the barn, which is being used for office space, does not have bathroom facilities. Discussion included that there is \$20,000 available to install a bathroom in the barn. This matter was tabled until the Special Session after this workshop.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented a spreadsheet listing the roads to be paved with FEMA alternative procedures funds. Discussion included that Valee Road in District 1 is 4.20 miles long instead of the 1.6 miles previously shown. Commissioner Sasnett advised that only a portion of Valee Road is to be paved. Discussion included the total mileage to be paved and the amount of materials needed to complete the project. This matter was tabled until the Special Session after this workshop.

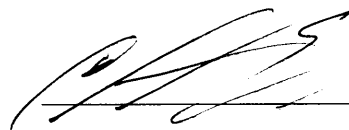
(Alternative Procedures Road List)

Alice Vickers, Clerk of Court, presented dates that the Board can hold the Tentative and the Final Budget hearings. This matter was tabled until the Special Session after this workshop.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman