

August 8, 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 Purveen, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Boy Scout Noah Owens led the pledge and Wesley Adams led the prayer.

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

- 4-1) Future Land Use Public Hearing - add
- 6-7) Mosquito Control Director – add
- 5-7) Boy Scout Troop #39 – moved to item 5-1
- 7-1) FEMA Discussion - add

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

Cindy Herrington of Herrington Road addressed the Board concerning FEMA work making Minger and White Roads impassable. Ms. Herrington discussed the state of these roads after rain mixed with the clay and rock spread on the roads. Ms. Herrington was directed to discuss her concerns with Commissioner Locke.

Pursuant to public notice, a public hearing was held to discuss the proposed Future Land Use Amendment for 10 acres off Thomas Drive in Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 14 West. The amendment will change the property from “industrial” to “agricultural”. The public was given the opportunity to speak with no one responding. The public hearing was closed.

Boy Scout Noah Owens, in an effort to earn his communication merit badge, presented a certificate and wristbands to each commissioner in appreciation of their service.

The Commissioners presented each of the following members of Boy Scout Troop #39 with certificates:

- Noah Owens
- Cameron Lindsey
- Braden Brooks
- Samuel Voorhees
- Chance Robinson
- Carter Woodham
- Sebastian Fletcher

Rebecca Prince, Holmes County Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Development Council, presented a letter advising that the current TDC Board is outdated and listing individuals recommended to serve on the new

Board. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to accept the Board members listed in the letter with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Kalyn Water, Extension Office Director, requested permission to reapply for an Ag Center Grant by October 1st. Discussion included that this is a federally funded grant, the County was not awarded the grant last year and the matching funds will be “in-kind”. Commissioner Music offered a motion to grant permission with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Waters stated the resolution will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Joel Paul, Jr., Executive Director of the Tri-County Community Council, Inc., requested permission to apply for a grant for software that will assist their Transportation Maintenance Shop. The grant will be from DOT but is required to pass through the County. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to grant permission with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Wells, Bonifay Chief of Police, requested approval of letter of agreement for Crimestoppers of Holmes County, Inc. to act as the agent for Holmes County for the purpose of applying for and receiving money from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund. Commissioner Locke offer a motion to execute the letter of agreement with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Kathy Ahlen, West Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, requested that the Board proclaim the week of August 14th as Hazmat Awareness Week. Commissioner Music offered a motion to sign the proclamation with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion was passed unanimously.

(Proclamation)

Dennis Barnes, Barnes Insurance, presented the County’s health insurance cost analysis and the Insurance Committee’s recommendation for a health insurance plan. Discussion included that the County’s level of medical claims and pharmaceuticals prevented any response to the RFP, employee education on the new plan will be available and the possibility of a rural county insurance plan. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the Insurance Committee’s recommendation of the Alternate 1 Plan with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Medical Cost Analysis)

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the July 17, 2017 Special Session, July 20, 2017 Workshop, July 25, 2017 Budget Workshop and the July 25, 2017 Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, present the Inter-Local Agreement between Holmes County and City of Bonifay stating that the County agrees to provide the services necessary to administer and enforce the

floodplain management regulations. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the agreement with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a Permanent Right-of-Way & Easement from Four Hill Woodlands, LLC to Holmes County for construction, operation and maintenance of public roads and utilities on Deacon Road. Commissioner Music offered a motion to execute the easement with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Easement)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a list of items from the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser they wish to declare as surplus. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to accept the list of items as surplus with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(List of Items)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a letter of commitment to the Department of Economic Opportunity stating Holmes County's continued involvement with Opportunity Florida and intent to pay the annual dues. Commissioner Music offered a motion to execute the letter with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion was passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, recommended Duane Crawson for appointment as the required property owner member to the Value Adjustment Board. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to accept the recommendation with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a Release of Lien for James Cooper. Commissioner Music offered a motion to execute the release with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Release of Lien)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, recommended Lee Duke for the part-time permanent position of Mosquito Control Director for 14 hours per week at the rate of \$25.00 per hour starting August 21, 2017. Commissioner Music offered a motion to accept the recommendation with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, advised that with the projected \$12 million available to use on alternative procedures, the County will either be able to chip seal 39 miles of dirt road or pave 35 miles of dirt road using Green Book standards. Mr. Marsh requested that the Board add the first 1.5 miles of Tobe Retherford Road to

the list of alternative procedures because all the preliminary work has been completed. Mr. Marsh advised that the Board must decide if they are going to use Green Book standards and have a list of the first five roads available soon. A Special Session is scheduled for 08/15/2017 at 5:30 p.m. to determine these issues.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that the Old Mt. Zion project is being closed out with DEP.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that wetland biologists are currently working on the Bonifay/Gritney and Bonifay/Chipleigh Roads. Mr. Knauer stated that community meetings need to be scheduled and that they are working to mark the right-of-way.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that when advertising for bids on projects the cost to chip seal and pave a road can be both be requested before selecting a method. Mr. Knauer advised that the base work and drainage are key for any work done.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry/Preble-Rish Engineers, advised that DOT has approved replacing Joe White Bridge and Thomas Drive Bridge with concrete bridges.

Commissioner Erickson advised that it must be determined if West Florida Electric charging to relocate power poles is going to be a recurring expense on future projects.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, advised that an Executive Session is scheduled for 08/15/2017 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board took a thirty (30) minute recess. The meeting was reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

Chairman Erickson introduced U.S. Senator Bill Nelson. Senator Nelson gave a brief synopsis of his family history and his connections to the Florida panhandle. Boy Scout Troop #39 presented Senator Nelson a certificate in appreciation of his service.

Lyndia Spears, Attorney for Ponce de Leon, addressed Senator Nelson concerning Ponce de Leon's ability to pay and maintain its current sewer system.

John Hagans, Town of Esto, addressed Senator Nelson concerning getting the USDA to lower their threshold for grant match programs in rural areas.

Commissioner Sasnett addressed Senator Nelson about creating an I10 exit in Westville to generate growth and development in that area

Dennis Barnes, Barnes Insurance, advised Senator Nelson about the health insurance rates for Holmes County employees and encouraged Senator Nelson to continue his efforts to reduce pharmaceutical costs.

Travis Cook, City of Bonifay, addressed Senator Nelson about the need for federal funds to address the water drainage problems on Harvey Etheridge Street and to revitalize the down town area.

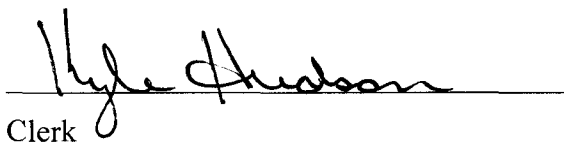
Commissioner Music addressed Senator Nelson about the current battle to keep Lake Cassidy open to the public.

Senator Nelson talked of the threat to the water supply in Cambellton due to "garbage juice" from the landfill.

John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff, addressed Senator Nelson about the need for grants for faith-based rehabilitation programs for inmates. Sheriff Tate also requested help with his application for a COPS grant to fund local law enforcement positions.

Senator Nelson addressed rural hospitals need for Medicaid assistance and his efforts to prevent the aid from being cut.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman