

August 8, 2017
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: 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 Purvee, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

Steve Connell, Fire Department Committee, presented the 2004 Interlocal Agreement and vehicle lease agreement between the County and the Volunteer Fire Departments advising of the need for updated agreements. Discussion included the following:

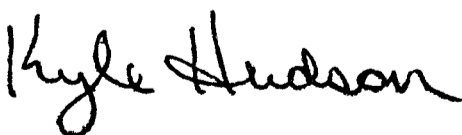
- Combining the interlocal and the County agreement into one general agreement incorporating all conditions
- Distributing funding quarterly after all reporting requirements have been met
- Using grants and fundraisers to establish paid firefighters
- Distributing funding up front only if reporting requirements have been met, otherwise funding will be dispensed quarterly
- Getting municipalities involved in agreement because they provide a portion of the funding
- Referendum passed establishing fire departments
- Fire Department Committee meeting monthly to develop funding ideas and how to make stations compliant

The following citizens discussed this topic:

- Clifford Crews
- Tom Murphy, Esto Fire Chief
- John Hagans, Esto Town Council
- Jeff Goodman, County Attorney,
- Shay McCormick, Bonifay Fire Chief
- Johnny Locke, Westville Fire Chief

County Attorney Jeff Goodman will research referendum that was previously passed and how it could affect the County's agreement with the Volunteer Fire Departments.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Clerk



Chairman