

September 7, 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 Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, was present.

Angie Purvee, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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:

- 5-1) Purchase of School Building - addition
- 5-2) Emergency Management Grants – addition
- 5-3) Pay Increase for Non-Union Employees – addition
- 5-4) Garbage Franchise Agreements – addition
- 5-5) Alternate Board Member for Estuary Coalition Board – addition
- 5-6) Ag Center Deed – addition
- 6-1) Plate for Excavator – addition
- 6-2) Animal Control - addition

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

Mike Alvis presented a proposal for high speed internet for County residents. Mr. Alvis advised that the name of his business is Airspeed Networks and that governmental entities have an opportunity to sign up with the franchise to earn money for the feeds provided. The Board will consider offering this service, but it would have to go out for RFQs before awarding service.

Commissioner Erickson advised that the County is in need of property to house a County Annex and new Jail building with the proper infrastructure. Commissioner Erickson proposed approaching the School Board to purchase the Bonifay Elementary School building again. Discussion included the reverter clause in the previous purchase agreement, insurance costs for the building and creating revenue streams to help fund purchase. Kyle Hudson, Holmes County Clerk, discussed this matter as the County's comptroller. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to purchase the school building for \$250,000.00 using proceeds from the sale of the Fair Grounds with the remainder to be taken from reserves. Commissioner Powell offered a second. Commissioners Powell, Sasnett and Erickson voted yes with Commissioners Locke and Music voting no. The motion passed. County Coordinator Wesley Adams directed to present offer to the School Board.

Wendy Mayo, Emergency Management Director, presented the 2017-2018 EMPA Grant and 2017-2018 Hazard Analysis Grant explaining that the Board had previously approved the grants but the State had since changed some language in the grants. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the grants with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Grants)

Commissioner Locke offered a motion to give the non-union County employees the same 2% raise and insurance coverage approved in the Union contract. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented the Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Agreements from A & A Disposal, Waste Management, Household Disposal Service (HDS) and Northwest Sanitation for approval. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve all franchise agreements with Commissioner Locke offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreements)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that another commissioner was needed as an alternate to serve on the Estuary Coalition Committee. Discussion included that Commissioner Erickson serves on the committee but a secondary is needed. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to appoint Commissioner Music to serve as an alternate with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, presented a letter requesting the State deed 3.5 acres of the Ag Center property to the County. Discussion included that the letter needs to specifically mention the loading dock area, effects on grants for the Ag Center and Emergency Management's use of the loading docks in disasters. County Coordinator will amend the letter to the State and bring it back for the Board's approval.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, stated that the Bridge Pile Driver approved earlier was not sufficient and that another quote of \$9,980.00 had been received. The Board advised that the pile driver will need to go out for bid.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that Washington County had served a 60 day notice to terminate Animal Control services. Discussion included requiring Recycling Center employees to handle animal control needs, an Animal Control/Bush Hog Operator full time position or a part time Animal Control position. Mr. Adams will discuss the matter with the Recycling Center Director to see what the recycling grants will allow and bring information back to the Board.

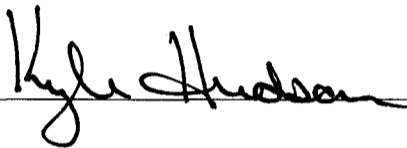
The Board discussed the 2017-18 proposed budget. Discussion included the following:

- Development Commission secretary position required by State - funded at \$19,472.00 for a savings of \$4,568.00
- Constitutional Officers raises have been added into budget
- Money available in Contingency Fund
- Creating Animal Control/Bush Hog Operator and Inmate Supervisor/Bush Hog Operator full-time positions
- Effect of school building purchase on budget

- Using Volvo Grader proceeds to purchase bridge pile driver
- Rolling \$24,000.00 of the Jail Maintenance fund into the Jail's budget for next year and adding \$6,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to go towards the purchase of a security system
- \$16,000.00 of the cost to replace the duct work in the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser's building can be taken from the sale proceeds from the Volvo grader
- Purchasing new trimming equipment using LOGT funds then reimbursing fund with proceeds from sale of surplus equipment
- Opening a line of credit to fund SCRAP and SCOP projects
- Available FEMA funds
- Increasing revenue by adding a franchise fee on utility bills

Kyle Hudson, Clerk of Court, advised against opening a line of credit.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman