

October 1, 2019
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 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 5:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. No changes were made to the agenda.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that the Special Session had been called to discuss the projected shortage of money for the Bonifay/Gritney Road and Bonifay/Chipley Road paving projects.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the cost estimate for the Bonifay/Gritney Road was four years old and that the cost of materials has significantly increased in that time. Discussion also included the following:

- Funds provided for Phase 2 of the project could be used to fund shortfall on Phase 1
- Additional \$200,000 DOT recently obligated for the project
- Phase 3 funding available in 2021 could complete the road paving
- Problems encountered when trying to obtain releases from property owners
- Curb and gutter ROW solution added to extra cost of project
- DOT no longer replacing fence for property owners
- County obtained property releases with the understanding fences would be replaced
- County using inmate labor versus contracting out the fence work
- Timeline for replacing the fence

Mr. Knauer advised that the project should be ready to bid in approximately 30 days and he recommended advertising a base bid with alternate bid items available to take the project as far as possible. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to accept the additional \$200,000 from DOT for the project, advertise a base bid with two alternate bid items for the project and advertise for bids on the fence work. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the cost estimate for the Bonifay/Chipley Road was also four years old with the same increase in the cost of materials. Discussion also included the following:

- Same basic scenario as the Bonifay/Gritney Road project
- Army Corp of Engineers' permit approval still pending
- Project has 1.6 acres of environmental impacts
- Engineer has submitted a mitigation proposal reconnecting wetlands
- DOT will not pay for mitigation costs if the engineer's proposal is not accepted
- DOT has changed method of funding projects so that cost estimates will be more accurate
- County's options for saving money on the project


Mr. Knauer advised that the project cannot go any further until the Army Corp's permit is approved, but he would recommend advertising a base bid with alternate bid items available to take the project as far as possible.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, will work with the Board's Executive Assistant to prepare a letter advising DOT of the Board's decision on the Bonifay/Gritney Road paving project. The following Bonifay/Gritney Road residents discussed the project:

- Margaret Reynolds
- Wendell Jordan

Bob Stinebaugh, The Integrity Group, advised that the approval for the alternative procedures scope of work change is still pending and discussed the public notice requirement. He also requested that the Board list any additional roads or equipment they want added to the alternative procedures scope of work.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman