

January 19, 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.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, and Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, were present.

Melissa Kabaci, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

Items added to today's agenda included:

- 11) Road department shop mechanics going to a four (4) day work week
- #10 item will be moved ahead of #1

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

Attorney Goodman discussed the Lake Cassidy access issue. Discussion included failed attempts at working out an agreement with the new owner for citizens to continue to access the lake. Mr. Goodman requested approval to move forward with legal action to retain public access to the Lake. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve to proceed with litigation. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. Other citizens speaking on this matter included:

- Hampton Yates

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, discussed the DEANCO auction agreement for excess County equipment. Discussion included DEANCO having made a typographical error on the Volvo grader listing the minimum guarantee at \$100,000 when it should be \$80,000. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the amended agreement. The Board discussed possibly keeping some of the trucks on the auction list. Commissioner Locke withdrew his motion until the FEMA Coordinator could discuss the plan for replacement trucks.

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, gave an update on the status of the FEMA projects. He advised that PW 322 has been approved and a request for the first draw of \$5.3 million will be made soon. Discussion included forming a second FEMA crew that will work six (6) days a week and advertising for a second Project Monitor and Data Entry Clerk which will be paid from FEMA funds. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to advertise for the two (2) positions. Commissioner Powell offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marsh discussed hiring personnel to create two (2) teams for the FEMA work and these being full time temporary positions with insurance benefits but no retirement. Mr. Marsh requested approval to advertise for five (5) Road Maintenance Technicians and two (2) Heavy Equipment Operators. He also requested to allow the CDL requirement to be a class B which allows driving the dump trucks instead of a Class A CDL which allows for transport of equipment. Commissioner Music offered a motion to advertise for five (5) Road

Maintenance Technicians and two (2) Heavy Equipment Operators and allow a Class B license in both positions. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marsh discussed the equipment lease for FEMA for dump trucks and graders. Discussion included having Mr. Adams assess the equipment needs. No action was taken today.

Mr. Marsh discussed the rock bid for FEMA. Discussion included FEMA having obligated the projects with funds forthcoming and needing to put out a bid for rock to complete the projects. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve bidding out for rock. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marsh discussed the dump trucks that are on the equipment list to be auctioned off and asked if the Board will want to keep any of them as they are due to be picked up tomorrow. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to include the trucks and approve the auction list. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. Commissioner Locke, Powell, Sasnett and Erickson voted yes with Commissioner Music voting no. The motion passed.

(Agreement)

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, discussed the recommendation by Library Director Susan Harris to promote Becky Marsh to Assistant Director at \$10.00 per hour and to add an additional four (4) hours to Library Technician Iris Smith's position at \$8.25 per hour. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve Becky Marsh as Assistant Director. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the additional four (4) hours for Iris Smith. Commissioner Powell offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Recommendations)

Dana Whipple, Building Department, discussed the variance request from Mr. Edward Morris that has been approved by the Planning Commission to build a barn on his property before he builds the house. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to approve the variance request. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

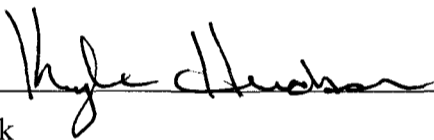
(Variance Request)

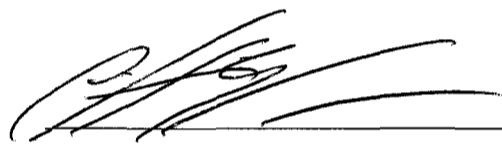
Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, discussed employee changes. He advised that Greg Windham had been hired as a grader operator in District 1 and that Jeffery Stafford had been released from District 2. Mr. Adams advised that these changes had been approved in a previous meeting and he just needed to state the names of the personnel.

Mr. Adams discussed the Shop Foreman's request to have the mechanics go back to a four (4) day work week of Monday through Thursday with overtime for work on Friday and Saturday. Discussion included that the current five (5) day schedule of Monday through Friday alleviates overtime being paid on Friday and that the five (5) day schedule is needed with the FEMA work that is about to begin. No action was taken.

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, discussed leasing a grader and excavator with the option to purchase. He advised that Mr. Adams will bring an assessment of equipment needed and the lease options to the next meeting. Mr. Adams advised he will also bring lease information for dump trucks.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman