

January 26, 2016
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 William Parish, Commissioner David Whitaker, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, and Commissioner Danny Powell, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Attorney Jeff Goodman discussed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) from engineering firms for the plans for the Tobe Retherford SCOP project and explained the scoring process on the three (3) applicants. He advised each firm will give a presentation and are to be ranked on their qualifications only, not on a price at this time. Mr. Goodman also explained the competitive negotiations process.

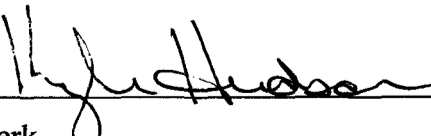
Grimail Crawford, Inc. gave the first presentation with speakers Larry Parker, project leader and Arthur Hooks, project engineer. Discussion included highway design, planning and land development, project schedule and key project issues to include environmental wetlands, Wrights Creek and protecting native species.


Hanson Professional Services, Inc. gave their presentation with project manager Brian Lemieux as speaker. Discussion included using the existing road bed as a sub road, paving two (2) 10 foot lanes with ditches and swells, Wrights Creek not being on the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) impaired water list, protecting the wetlands and possibly having to relocate the protected gopher tortoises. Discussion also included options for the one lane bridge on the current budget or enlarging the bridge by adding culverts and the corrosiveness in the soil being the determining factor in using corrugated metal pips versus concrete.

Melvin Engineering, Inc. gave the final presentation with speakers David Melvin, company president, Rod Adams, Engineer and Whitney Nelson, project administrator. Discussion included the scope of the job being a 5.1 mile project from CR 179 to CR 177A, paving the existing roads into two (2) 10 foot travel lanes, the key issues of the project and the Department of Transportation (DOT) having reduced the funding on the project. Melvin Engineering advised they can adjust the scope of the work to accommodate the tight construction budget. Discussion also included replacing the wooden bridge with culverts to widen the bridge and minimizing wetlands impact to expedite permitting on the project. Mr. Nelson advised he will work with the DOT to increase the project funding especially for the bridge.

Attorney Jeff Goodman advised the Commissioners to score the firms qualifications from their presentations and he will tally the rankings to be presented at the end of the following Regular Session.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:54.


Clerk


Chairman