

May 20, 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 7:47 a.m.

Joey Marsh, interim County Coordinator, discussed the vacant seasonal grass cutting position. He advised it will be 24 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour to run through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included the applicants interviewed and his recommendation to hire Brandon Riley for the position. Commissioner Whitaker offered a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Riley for the temporary part-time seasonal mowing position. Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Jeff Goodman discussed the forthcoming project to widen SR 79 into four lanes from I-10 to the Alabama line. Discussion included the following:

- The Department of Economic Opportunity's request to review the feasibility study for the proposed route
- Holding a public hearing for citizens input regarding the preferred route
- Adopting a joint resolution with the City of Bonifay, Chamber of Commerce and the Development Commission to request that the route goes straight through downtown Bonifay
- Applying for a technical assistance grant to aid with the restructuring of downtown Bonifay

Joey Marsh, Interim County Coordinator, advised that the three major concerns of the Board were safety, the effect on Economic Development and existing businesses in the downtown area and the environmental impact. Citizens speaking regarding this issue were:

Mike Alvis – Chamber of Commerce Member

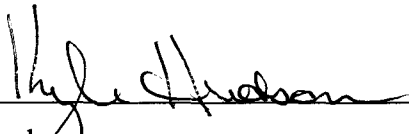
Roger Brooks – Councilman for the City of Bonifay

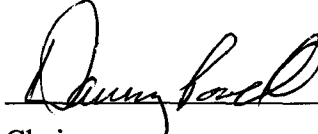
Raymon Thomas – Development Commission Director

The Board agreed to hold a Workshop at 8:00 a.m. on June 14<sup>th</sup> for further discussion and citizens input.

Attorney Goodman discussed a request from the Florida Division of Emergency Management to update the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He advised that he will be meeting with Roger Williams, Building Inspector and will discuss this further at a later meeting.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman