

February 4, 2020
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Clint Erickson, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, Commissioner Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Earl Stafford, 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 Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Albert Jordan, Special Road Projects Manager, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. No changes were made to the agenda. Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the agenda with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2020 Special Session, the January 21, 202 Special Session and the January 21, 2020 Regular Session. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Eldridge, a private citizen, expressed his appreciation of the Board's efforts to secure legislative appropriations and in addressing the safety concerns about the intersection at CR 173 and State Highway 2.

Jody Bush, *Relay for Life* Event Coordinator, discussed the *Relay for Life* event scheduled for April 17, 2020, and requested that the Board create or sponsor a team to aid fundraising efforts. The Commissioners volunteered personal donations for the event.

Joe Rone, Development Commission Director, advised that the Development Commission currently has a District 5 vacancy on their board and is recommending Russell Cole for the position. Commissioner Music offered a motion to accept the recommendation with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

David McQuary, owner of a RV park in Ponce de Leon, requested permission to have the park's property surveyed into 91 individual lots that will then be listed for sale as a private subdivision. Discussion included Ponce de Leon's ordinance banning mobile homes and the need to have the plans approved by the Planning Commission. The Board tabled this matter until a recommendation is received from the Planning Commission.

Alice Vickers, Clerk of Court, presented the Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreement executed by the Chamber of Commerce for their budgeted disbursement. She advised that the agreement details the terms for accepting the money and the intended use of the funds. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to have the Chairman sign the agreement with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Lee Duke, Arthropod Director, presented Amendment #1 to the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service which helps fund the County's mosquito control program. He stated that the amendment is reflecting an increase of \$2,029 in the State grant amount. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to accept the amendment to the agreement with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Amendment)

Bob Stinebaugh, The Integrity Group, advised that another 2.2 miles of roads in District 5 need to be added to Round 2 of the FEMA alternative procedures program. Discussion included that a road currently on the list in District 5 is scheduled to be paved in Round 1 and that the cross drains will need to be addressed on the roads selected for Round 2. Commissioner Erickson stated that he will notify Mr. Stinebaugh of his new road selection.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, discussed the SCOP application to improve the John Clark Road. Discussion included the failing culverts and the need to widen the road. David Corbin, Project Director, stated that DOT has advanced the project on the list and that the drainage and culvert problems must be addressed. The Board directed Mr. Knauer to include widening the road in his design for the project.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, discussed the work currently being done on the FEMA alternative procedures roads. He advised that payment to GAC, Inc. is on hold until load tickets and truck sizes can be certified. Discussion also included road prep work, the number of crews doing the work, the quality of the work and drainage on the roads.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the Bonifay/Gritney Road pre-bid conference was held today and that six contractors are pre-qualified to bid on the project. Bids will be opened on February 17th and awarded at the Regular Session on February 18th.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the Thomas Drive bridge pre-bid conference is scheduled for tomorrow.

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, requested clarification as to whether DOT will pay for the replacement pipes on John Clark Road. David Corbin, Project Director, advised that the pipes are included in DOT's plans.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-04 approving application for SCOP funding to improve CR 181 Phase 1 from CR 179A to Minger Road. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 20-04)

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-05 approving application for SCOP funding to improve CR 179 Phase 2 from Pheil Lane to the Alabama state line. Commissioner Newsom offered a second

and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion included that Phase 1 of the road has been approved, but that a bid will be received for the engineering services.

(Resolution 20-05)

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-06 approving application for SCRAP funding to improve Old Mill Road from State Road 10 to the end of the pavement. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 20-06)

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-07 approving application for B-SCOP funding to improve Bridge #520006 on County Road 183A over Sandy Creek. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 20-07)

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 20-08 approving application for B-SCOP funding to improve Bridge #520061 on CR 179 over Wrights Creek. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 20-08)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented the Council on Aging building lease agreement for approval. Discussion also included the terms for repair and maintenance on the County-owned building, the budgeted funding and the agreement of the Lessee to not request or receive any additional funding from the Lessor during the term of this lease. Commissioner Music offered a motion approving the Chairman signing the lease with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Lease)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented the Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreement with the Council on Aging. The agreement states the Council agrees to the terms for accepting the \$26,000 from the County and the intended use of the funds to purchase a van. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to have the Chairman sign the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, advised that an Opportunity Florida grant allowed the County to erect a tower on MC Carnley Road and that Datapath Tower was originally contracted to sell space on the tower. Ownership of the tower has now reverted to the County and Datapath has advised that AT&T wants to enter into

a non-exclusive agreement to lease space on the tower. Mr. Young stated that he would present the agreement at the next Regular Session.

Wayne Garvine, a private citizen, discussed the need for signs reducing the speed limit on Cook Mill Road. The Board advised Mr. Garvine that Washington County maintains the road and provided him the contact information to discuss his request.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the use of the County's credit card. Discussion included the need to limit use of the card and making purchases locally when possible. The Board agreed by consensus that all future credit card purchases for the County will need to be approved by Project Director David Corbin.

Commissioner Erickson discussed allowing County employees with concealed carry permits to carry weapons on the job. Discussion included actions taken by the surrounding counties and that the Board cannot go against the Florida Statutes which prohibit weapons in certain buildings. Discussion also included that employees would be responsible for obtaining their own permit and that allowing employees to carry a concealed weapon will require a policy change. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to change the County's policy to allow employees with valid permits to carry concealed weapons while on the job. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. County Attorney Brandon Young will present the new policy for approval at the February 18th Regular Session.

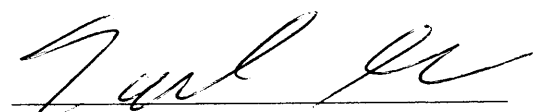
Commissioner Erickson advised that Pineview Drive off of Idlewood Drive needs to be resurfaced. Discussion included having the contractor for the Idlewood Drive paving project submit a bid to pave Pineview Drive. Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, will contact contractors CW Roberts about submitting a bid for the project. He will present the bid at the next Regular Session.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the Board's need of a Public Information Officer to disperse information to the public. The Board agreed by consensus to appoint Project Director David Corbin or his designee to oversee information releases.

Chairman Stafford advised that DOT has removed bushes at the intersection of CR 173 and State Highway 2 in an effort to improve visibility. He also stated that DOT is bidding a project to improve the alignment of the roads at the intersection in April with construction to begin in August. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to place rumble strips and a "Dangerous Intersection" sign on CR 173 to be paid from District 4's road materials account. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, recommended using thermoplastic rumble strips and that he will assist the County's workers with spacing the strips.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman