July 13, 2021 Workshop Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioners Clint Erickson, Jeff Good, Brandon Newsom, Phillip Music and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, and David Corbin, Project Director, were also present. Leigh Ann Ennis, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner Erickson offered the motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Katie Taff, Liberty Partners, presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding guidelines and procurement procedures. The following private citizens spoke on possible uses for ARPA funds:

- Cynthia Brooks, Warren Bailey, and Jennie Goodman presented a list of five items that Doctors Memorial Hospital needs to purchase or upgrade
- Joe Rone, Development Commission, discussed the County purchasing the old Bonifay Middle School to use as office space
- Harry Bell, Tax Collector, discussed the need for more space and customer service are for all public services available in the building the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser occupy
- Justin Williams, Holmes County Cattlemen's Association, discussed the need for repairs to the Ag Center possible alternate actions
- John Tate, Sheriff, discussed the need for more office space at the Sheriff's Office and building an addition to the existing facility
- Steve Connell, EMS Director, discussed the need for more buildings for the EMS Department

Further discussion included the need to prioritize the presented needs as well as searching for grants that could be used in conjunction with or instead of ARPA funds. The Board agreed by consensus to hold a Special Session Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30 a.m., prior to the next Regular Session.

(Power Point, DMH List, Scope of Work)

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

