

June 22, 2020  
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 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.

Leigh Ann Ennis, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. The following additions were made to the agenda:

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| • EMS Operations     | Moved to First Agenda Item                 |
| • Commissioner Item  | A) Pipe for Steverson Road                 |
| • County Coordinator | C) Emergency Management Director Selection |
| • County Coordinator | D) Brush Cutting Schedule                  |
| • County Coordinator | E) Tacking                                 |
| • County Coordinator | F) Tree removal quote                      |

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the amended agenda with Commissioner Newsom offering the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson discussed his confrontation with Brandon Justice, EMS employee. Commissioner Erickson went on to explain that the incident had been documented and copies of the incident report are available. Commissioner Erickson discussed plans to launch an EMS investigation to ensure that employees are being paid fairly. He explained that the Union missed the deadline to request raises in last year's budget. Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed statements of incidents from all involved witnesses to the confrontation between Commissioner Erickson and Mr. Justice. Mr. Young explained that he pulled all EMS complaints and Steve Connell, EMS Director, will have the chance to respond to the complaints. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to conduct a thorough investigation of County EMS incidents and complaints. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stafford opened the floor to the public for anyone who may wish to speak. No one came forward to speak.

(Incident Report)

Tim Moore, Integrity Group, briefly discussed the CARES Act and introduced Eric Miller. Mr. Miller explained the criteria to use CARES Act funds and provided insight by sharing how other counties have opted to use the funds. Mr. Miller also explained that the payout of funds was different for larger counties than for smaller counties, stating smaller counties will receive only 25% of funds upfront and the remainder will be provided as reimbursements of COVID related expenses.

Darryl Cox, Integrity Group, presented HUD and CDBG-DR grant opportunities. Possible examples of use are as follows:

- Disaster related damage
- Housing and infrastructure
- Work force training
- Economic revitalization
- Demolition

Bob Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, discussed COVID related FEMA funding availability.

Gary Yates, Integrity Group, suggested utilizing a series of workshops to brainstorm and develop a plan to pursue the funding options. Mr. Yates proposed involving Liberty Partners to maximize the County's resources. Numerous ideas for projects were listed as Mr. Yates encouraged the Board and citizens to be creative.

(Power Point Presentation)

Chairman Stafford called a ten minute recess at 6:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:45 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, reported that the John Deere grader taken to auction did not bring the minimum bid required and will return to the fleet.

David Corbin, Project Director, stated that he had concluded the negotiations with 2 H & V Construction Services for the 1000 loads of milled asphalt. Mr. Corbin reported the milled asphalt is priced at \$300 per load. There is also a possibility of selling top soil to 2 H & V to help off-set the cost of the milled asphalt. County Attorney Brandon Young discussed procurement procedure and that the contractor has not yet been awarded the construction contract at Tyndall Air Force Base. Mr. Young will prepare a letter to 2 H & V stating the County's requirements for the milled asphalt product as well as the procedure for purchasing topsoil from the County.

(Quote)

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, presented Change Order #2 to the Bonifay-Gritney Road paving project showing an increase of \$273,926 which will come out of FEMA Round 2 Alternative Procedures funds. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Change Order)

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, reported that the Thomas Drive Bridge load rating package will be submitted to DOT on June 23, 2020. Mr. Knauer advised that the cost for preparing the package is approximately \$3,000 if the County has the funds. Discussion included that the County does not have available funds.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, reported that he had looked at the property that Mr. Keenan Powell offered to the County on June 16, 2020 for the purpose of relocating a portion of Hardy Skipper Road. Mr. Knauer explained what would need to be done to the property to be able to move the road. Discussion included that Mr.

Powell will be responsible for preparing the road to meet the County's requirements before the property will be accepted. Mr. Knauer will present an aerial drawing of the area so the Board can better visualize the property.

David Corbin, Project Director, presented the top two candidates interviewed for the Emergency Management Director position. The first candidate was Laurie Carly and the second candidate was Adrienne Owen. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to hire Laurie Carly as Emergency Management Director with Commissioner Music offering the second. Commissioners Erickson, Sasnett and Stafford voted no and Commissioners Music and Newsom voted yes. The motion did not pass. The Board discussed changing the job criteria and re-advertising. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to hire Adrienne Owen and Commissioner Music offered the second. Commissioner Newsom voted no while Commissioners Erickson, Music and Sasnett voted yes. Commissioner Stafford abstained from the vote. The motion passed. Bandon Young, County Attorney, asked Commissioner Erickson to provide a reason for voting no on Ms. Carly. Commissioner Erickson explained Ms. Carly does not live in the County and he would prefer a county resident hold the position.

(Abstain from Voting Form)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented the brush cutting schedule for each District starting June 29, 2020.

(Schedule)

David Corbin, Project Director, reported that 19.6 miles of the FEMA alternative procedures roads are ready for tacking. These roads will be tacked as a product demonstration for the County. FEMA funds will pay for material costs plus the rental of a road sweeper.

(Road List)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a quote for removal of a tree on the County's property in Dogwood Lakes subdivision. Commissioner Erickson explained that a bordering land owner has expressed continued interest in purchasing the property the tree is on and is willing to pay for the survey needed to sell the property. The Board discussed that selling the property would alleviate the need to remove the tree.

(Quote)


Commissioner Music stated a 55 foot pipe for Steverson Road is needed in District 3, but that he does not have the funds in his Road Materials budget. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to move funds from the District 2 Road Material account to purchase the pipe needed for District 3. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

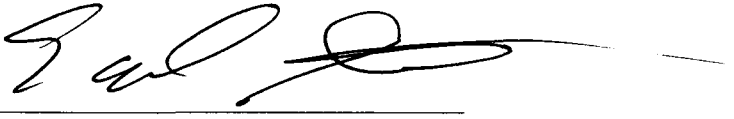
Commissioner Sasnett presented a citizen's concern about noise from a neighboring private business, and the citizen's request for a noise ordinance. Brandon Young, County Attorney explained that the State Supreme Court strikes down noise ordinances when it involves private land owners. He explained that noise ordinances

are difficult to enforce and went on to explain that the State encourages residents to take private action to ensure the quiet enjoyment of their private land.

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Newsom offering the second. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Chairman