

September 14, 2020
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

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

Brandon Young, County Attorney, was also present.

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

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Bob Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, led the prayer and pledge.

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

Deletions:

- Agenda Items Self-Pay- Steve Connell
- Commissioner Items District 2 RMT

Additions:

- County Coordinator Value Adjustment Board

Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to accept the Agenda with the above additions and deletions. Commissioner Sasnett offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 19, 2020 Regular Session and the September 1, 2020 Special Session. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Francis Moore, a private citizen, explained that she and her son, had worked with the Planner, Ms. Amanda Richards, to create a plan to split a portion of her property into five acre land home packages. Ms. Moore further explained that she was asking for pre-approval to move forward before seeking surveyor services. Mike Gordon, Building Inspector, explained that normally the Planner would handle this matter, however with no County Planner and the Planning Commission not currently meeting, Ms. Moore is required to seek pre-approval from the Board. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to grant pre-approval to Ms. Moore. Commissioner Erickson offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Austin Mount, Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC), presented an interlocal agreement for ECRC to administer the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) for the County. Points of discussion included:

- RPTO History & Current Structure
- TRIP History
- Proposed RTPO Opportunities
- Proposed RTPO – FDOT Rural Planning

The Board agreed by consensus to table this matter.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Annual Report and Local Housing Incentives Certification for funding years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Mr. Young explained that the certification document was in good order and requires the Chairman's signature. Commissioner Newsom offered the motion approving the report as true and accurate and allowing Chairman Stafford to sign the document. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(SHIP Certification)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the amendments to the previously approved SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). The amendments include changes to section R to reflect current practices as well as updating Code 4, increasing the maximum award to \$100,000. The Chairman's signature is required on Exhibits D and E. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the amendments to the LHAP as well as giving the Chairman permission to sign Exhibits D and E. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(LHAP)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the State-Funded Grant Agreement between DOT and the Board. The purpose of the agreement is to provide for DOT's participation in the Lake Victor Road over Windmill Creek Bridge repair (BR# 524130). Mr. Young explained that DOT would also require a resolution to accompany the agreement. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion allowing Chairman Stafford to sign the State-Funded Grant Agreement as well as Resolution #20-55. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement & Resolution #20-55)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, explained a homestead property owner is needed for the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). The current property owner, Jeff Good, was elected to the BOCC in August and under Sunshine law is no longer eligible to serve on the VAB. Mr. Young went on to explain that the Board needs to appoint another homestead property owner. The Board tabled the matter until the September 28, 2020 meeting.

Jim Riddell, Integrity Group, discussed the CARES Act purchases approved to date. Both Mr. Riddell and Brandon Young, County Attorney, had positive things to say about the Feeding Holmes County event held the preceding Saturday. Commissioner Erickson inquired about non-profit organizations possibly qualifying for CARES Act Funds to offset lost income opportunities due to COVID-19 restrictions. Chairman Stafford requested Bob Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, find out if non-profits qualify for CARES Act funds to replace lost revenue and report back to the Board. Commissioner Newsom questioned the percentage of administrative fees allowed by the CARES Act. Mr. Stinebaugh stated that the CARES Act is not like FEMA and does not have a limit on administrative fees.

(COVID-19 Related Expenditures)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented the Core Contract for 2020-2021 between the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) Holmes and the Board. Mr. Young deferred to Ms. Karen Johnson, Holmes County Health Department, who explained that the contract remained the same but the fee schedule changes with Medicare and Medicaid changes. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the Core Contract. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Contract & Fee Schedule)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, presented the following Resolutions to extend the Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19:

Resolution #20-50 extends the Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19 from September 6, 2020 to September 12, 2020. Commissioner Newsom offered the motion to accept Resolution #20-50 and Commissioner Music offered the second. The motion passed unanimously.

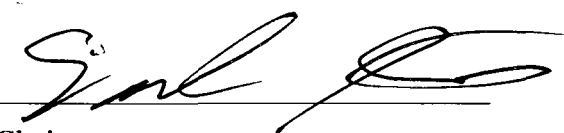
(Resolution #20-50)

Resolution #20-51 extends the Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19 from September 13, 2020 to September 19, 2020. Commissioner Newsom offered the motion to accept Resolution #20-51 and Commissioner Music offered the second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #20-51)

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman