

March 17, 2020
Special 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 Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

David Corbin, Project Director was present.

Barbra Bennett, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Albert Jordan, Special Road Project Manager, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- Agenda Items- Beavers, added

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

Annie Rogers, Dogwood Lakes resident, discussed how pleased she was with the work that has been done in the Dogwood Lakes community. Ms. Rogers also expressed her concern that the work was not completed and asked that the Board finish the project.

Susan Curby, Dogwood Lakes resident, discussed the property taxes collected from the Dogwood Lakes community and imposing more taxes to Holmes County citizens to fund the needed improvements.

Commissioner Erickson presented quotes to repair the Dogwood Lakes road. Commissioner Erickson directed Project Director, David Corbin, to get with Ms. Alice Vickers, Clerk of Court, to find available funding to finish the Dogwood Lakes road repairs.

David Corbin, Project Director, discussed the following budget concerns:

- Short fall on SCRAP/SCOP funding for the Bonifay/Gritney Road paving project
- Library grant funds are expected to be cut significantly
- County has not been reimbursed for the Highway 2 Boat Ramp project
- The School Board has not reimbursed the County for approximately \$60,000 of Hurricane Michael expenses disallowed by FEMA

Alice Vickers, Clerk of Court, advised that the Governor is projecting that all revenue will be less due to COVID-19 and cautioned the Board to take that into consideration before approving any non-emergency spending.

Albert Jordan, Special Roads Projects Manager, recommended repairing sites 1-6 plus the entrance to Dogwood Lakes where the trucks have created more holes. Commissioner Newsom, offered to give District 5 \$2,000 from the District 2 Road Materials account for the repair work. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to accept the \$7,000 quote to repair seven sites on the Dogwood Lakes road with the \$2,000 to be paid from the

District 2 Road Materials account and the remaining \$5,000 to be paid from the District 5 Road Materials account. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quotes)

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineers, discussed his efforts to work with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the Bonifay Gritney Road paving project. He presented the following options:

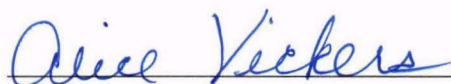
- Option 1- Grant the base bid to pave 1.77 miles from 177A to Jim Bush Road. If the design funds from Phase 2 are used to fund this option, the excess would go on the project for unforeseen issues that could arise. Holmes County would be committing to complete the Phase 2 design out of pocket in order to keep funds in place for fiscal year 2022.
- Option 2- Grant the base bid with an alternative bid to pave 2.1 miles. If the design funds from Phase 2 are used to fund this option, there will be a shortfall of \$252,911 to be covered by Holmes County. Holmes County would also be committing to complete Phase 2 design out of pocket in order to keep the funds in place for fiscal year 2022.
- Option 3 – To not go forward with the project and discuss the reimbursement of expended funds with DOT.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to go with option 1 with the shortfall of funds to be paid using the FEMA alternative procedures program. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob Stinebaugh, The Integrity Group, discussed the submittal of Scope 2 of the FEMA alternative procedures program. Discussion included the money needed to complete the Bonifay/ChIPLEY Road and Bonifay/Gritney Road paving projects. Discussion also included the right of way easements needed for the roads and the equipment to be removed from the Scope request in order to fund the paving projects. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to submit the Scope 2 request to include the current road list, the shortfall of money for the Bonifay/Gritney Road project and one reclaimer machine. His motion also included submitting an alternative Scope 2 request to include all the previously approved equipment in case the paving project is denied. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the beaver issue on Linwood Circle advising that an additional \$2,000 was needed for the removal of the beavers. He offered a motion to pay for the service from District 5 road materials account. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Clerk



Chairman