

April 26, 2016
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner William Parish, Commissioner David Whitaker, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, and Commissioner Danny Powell, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

Melissa Kabaci, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

The meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Whitaker opened the meeting with prayer and led the pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions or Deletions. Items added to today's agenda included:

- (10A) Grader operator position District 5

Commissioner Whitaker offered a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was "Hearing the Public". The public was given an opportunity to speak with no one responding.

Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the following consent items:

- Minutes for April 7, 2016 Special Session, April 12, 2016 Special and Regular Sessions
- Budget Amendment #1
- Animal Control Agreement with Washington County
- Lease for three (3) John Deere graders
- Emergency Management Vehicle
- Alternate Emergency Operations Center

Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. Citizen Jim King asked how many graders were being leased. Wendel Whitehurst advised there are three (3) being leased at approximately \$1700 per month.

(Budget Amendment #1)

(Agreement)

(Lease Agreement)

(Vehicle Request)

(EOC Recommendation)

The Board discussed the Tri County Community Council (TCCC) letter advising of the completion of the maintenance facility building with grant funds. Sherry Snell, Administrative Assistant, advised that Cliff Knauer of Preble-Rish Engineering oversaw the project and approved the completion. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to accept the building maintenance facility completion for TCCC. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Letter of Completion)

Cindy McIlwain, State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program, introduced Austin Mount, Executive Director, West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) to discuss the best resolution for

completion of the Wanda Grant home rehabilitation project at 2902 N. Highway 81 in Ponce De Leon as discussed in a previous meeting. Mr. Mount discussed the cost of the project, the change order and new bid for Rick's Repair and Remodeling to complete the punch list that will add an additional \$3206.00 to come out of SHIP funds. He stated the \$3206.00 is above what is normally allowed by the program but is allowed if the Board approves. Attorney Goodman advised this is the best solution for the customer and the County and stated that the faulty work on the project will be dealt with separately. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve the additional \$3206.00 funding to complete the project. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the I-10 Corridor grant application. Attorney Goodman advised that this is the application as discussed in today's earlier workshop and requires no match from the County. Commissioner Whitaker offered a motion to approve proceeding with the grant. Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Application)

Steve Connell, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Director, discussed the EMS Consultants Billing Service Agreement. Discussion included the previous contract being reviewed in 2013, his research with other companies to compare prices to get the current company to lower their rates to 5% and his recommendation to approve this contract for thirty-six (36) months. Attorney Goodman advised he has reviewed the contract and approves. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Randy Adams, Council on Aging Board Member, discussed the issues with the Council on Aging building and the needed repairs. Discussion included the options of costly repairs, a new building and grant availabilities. The Board requested County Coordinator Wendel Whitehurst to look over the building and see what repairs are needed. Mr. Whitehurst advised he will have the building inspector assess the repairs needed and submit a punch list.

The Board discussed the County Coordinator position that will become vacant June 1st, 2016. Discussion included the need for a Coordinator to oversee the FEMA projects, Human Resources (HR) issues, grants, Sunshine Law compliance and recommendations on issues. Discussion also included utilizing Joey Marsh, Veterans Service Officer, as interim since he has previous FEMA experience. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to move forward to enter negotiations with Mr. Marsh as interim County Coordinator until December. Commissioner Whitaker offered a second. Commissioners Locke and Sasnett voted no with Commissioners Parish, Whitaker and Powell voting yes. The motion passed.

Wendel Whitehurst, County Coordinator, discussed the vacant grader operator position in District 5 and advised Adam Majors from District 1 was the only applicant and recommended hiring Mr. Majors.

Commissioner Parish offered a motion to hire Mr. Majors. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish Engineering, gave an update on the Old Mt. Zion Road project and advised they have put in to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an extension.

Mr. Knauer discussed having turned in the grant applications to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Joe White Road project. He advised that if a bridge is to be put in dredge and fill permits will have to be obtained and also permits for any right-of-ways.

Mr. Knauer gave an update on the Deacon Road project and advised permitting is underway with the Army Corp and DEP.

Mr. Knauer gave an update on the Thomas Drive, CR 181 and CR 183A projects.

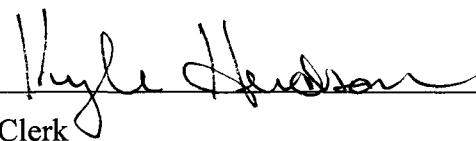
Mr. Knauer advised he and his partner have decided to sell their firm to a larger company. Discussion included that all the current staff will remain as well as the Engineers to include Mr. Knauer. He advised there will be no change in service and that an amendment to the contract is forthcoming.

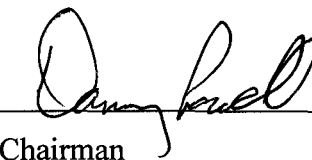
Tom Carpenter, Melvin Engineering, gave an update on the CR 177 project advising it will be complete next week.

Mr. Carpenter advised he has submitted Ammons Road at Ponce De Leon high school as the small SCRAP project and CR 162E for the large SCRAP project.

The Board discussed the part time mower position. Discussion included that no one has applied.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman