

August 9, 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 9:05 a.m. Chairman Powell 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:

- Holmes County Agriculture Center Grant Application - Kalyn Waters, Extension Office Director
- 6B) Settlement Case # 2015-ca-012 – Attorney Goodman
- 6C) Settlement Case # 5:15-cv-00234-MW-GRJ – Attorney Goodman

Commissioner Whitaker offered a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Sasnett 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 Whitaker offered a motion to approve the following consent items:

- July 26, 2016 Regular Session Minutes
- VAB Nomination – Iris Wells
- SCRAP Agreement CR 181C FPID #43828615401 / Resolution #16-10: CR 181C SCRAP Agreement
- Solid Waste Franchise Agreement – A & A Disposal

Commissioner Parish offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(SCRAP Agreement)

(Resolution #16-10)

(Franchise Agreement)

Joey Marsh, County Coordinator, discussed the Janitorial Services Contract being due for renewal and requested approval for bidding out for the services. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve bidding out for the Janitorial Contract. Commissioner Whitaker offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Marsh advised there will be a reduction in the scope of the services.

Kalyn Waters, Extension Office Director, discussed the application for the Agriculture Center grant. Discussion included that the County Extension office budget and 4-H barn can be used as the in-kind match for the grant. Attorney Goodman discussed the goal of the Agriculture Center and holding a workshop to build a strategic plan to submit to the State. Ms. Waters requested approval for either renovation or replacement of the current facility with the grant. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve submitting the grant

application. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously. The following citizens spoke regarding the Agriculture Center:

- Raymon Thomas

Joey Marsh, County Coordinator, discussed the quote received from CW Roberts Contracting Company for repairs and resurfacing to the Ammons Road entrance to the Ponce De Leon High School for \$56,700.00. Discussion included a remobilization savings of \$10,000.00 if the project is acted upon while CW Roberts is on site with another project. Mr. Marsh advised he had contacted the school to assist with funding the project and they advised they will be unable to do so. Attorney Goodman discussed waiving the procurement policy of getting formal bids as the school entrance is in an immediate state of need, school being about to start and the cost savings of 20-25% on the mobilization fees. Mr. Marsh advised it will be best to complete the entire reconstruction project, that there will be no permit fees and the funding will come from the Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) fund. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve CW Roberts to start the project. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

Mr. Marsh discussed advertising for a temporary Grader operator position to last up to six (6) months. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve advertising for the position. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marsh discussed the Animal Control agreement made with Washington County that uses their Animal Control officer. Discussion included making a change to the agreement to a fee per service per animal and also allowing the Animal Control Officer to use the Holmes County vehicle to go back and forth between the two counties. Discussion also included not meeting the sixty six (66) animals per month quota in the present veterinary agreement and the cost reduction to go to a fee per animal. Mr. Marsh requested approval to bid for an animal control position for Holmes County at \$10.50-11.00 per hour for 24-27 hours per week. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve advertising for the Animal Control position. Commissioner Whitaker offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Goodman discussed the Inmate Medical Agreement with Doctors Memorial Hospital that is due for annual renewal in September. Discussion included the Board currently pays the hospital 125% of the Medicare rate for inmate medical services, Doctors Memorial being the only qualified hospital in Holmes County to handle the inmate medical care and the savings the agreement has incurred for the County. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve extending the contract for one year. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Attorney Goodman discussed two insurance settlement agreements that were discussed in an earlier Executive Session today. He advised that he and the insurance company co-council recommend that the Board approve the agreements. The first agreement for consideration was the Richardson case #5:15-cv-00234-MW-GRJ. Commissioner Parish offered a motion to approve the settlement agreement. Commissioner Sasnett offered a second. Discussion included that the settlement is through the insurance company and it was their decision that it would be less costly to settle the case than to litigate further. Commissioners Locke, Parish, Sasnett and Powell voted yes with Commissioner Whitaker voting no. The motion passed.

(Agreement)

Attorney Goodman discussed the insurance settlement case Owens vs. Holmes County #2015-ca-012 being a similar agreement to the Richardson case where the insurance carrier recommends that the settlement will be less costly than to litigate the case further. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the settlement agreement. Commissioner Parish offered a second. Commissioners Locke, Parish, Sasnett and Powell voted yes with Commissioner Whitaker voting no. The motion passed.

(Agreement)

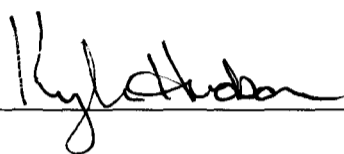
Attorney Goodman advised he will schedule an Executive Session next week for Union negotiations and possibly a workshop to discuss the Agriculture Center grant request.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, gave an update on the Tobe Retherford Road project. Discussion included the approval last month to advertise for a public meeting to address right-of-way needs and public concerns and the recommendation to hold that meeting September 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room. The Board agreed by consensus to hold the public meeting September 1st at 6:00 p.m.

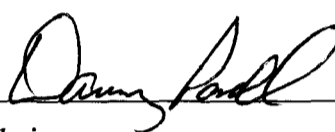
Mr. Mathis gave an update on the CR 179 Whitewater Culvert project. Discussion included submitting the contract design in place to the attorney for his approval and advertising for bids for the construction next week. Joey Marsh, County Coordinator, discussed having moved forward with closing the road for safety reasons and having a sign company erect a barricade and detour route today. Discussion included the option of a temporary pre-cast bridge but opting for using the culvert so as not to jeopardize any forthcoming FEMA funding. The Board agreed by consensus for the engineers to bid for contractors to do repairs based on the original culvert design plans.

The Board discussed the Council on Aging building. Discussion included the County owning the building and who will be responsible for the repairs according to the lease agreement. Attorney Goodman advised he is in the process of updating the lease agreement with the current tenants to show who's responsible for repair issues and the previous lease being for very little monetary amount. Attorney Goodman advised he has provided new lease forms to the County Coordinator to submit to tenants for all County owned buildings and will bring more information to the next meeting.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.



Clerk



Chairman