

January 9, 2017
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 Mickey Locke, Commissioner Danny Powell, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, and Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, were present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

Chairman Erickson added these items to the agenda:

- 1) DEANCO Auction agreement
- 2) District 1 grader operator

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Locke offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Ted Everett, Executive Director, Washington County Chamber of Commerce, discussed funding for the development of the Corridor Authority Project. Discussion included that the funding was originally to be paid out of grants and loans from Washington and Holmes County and that Opportunity Florida has offered to include this in their legislative appropriations request for rural infrastructure funding. Discussion included that there will be no fees charged by Opportunity Florida, the request will be funded or denied in June or July and that the \$2-4 million dollars will be earmarked specifically for the Highway 79 Corridor project. Mr. Everett also requested the Board allocate \$5,000 as discussed in a previous meeting to go with the \$5,000 Washington County has allocated to secure lawyer services to create the structure of the Corridor Authority. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to pay the \$5,000 from contingencies and for Opportunity Florida to proceed with requesting legislative appropriations rural infrastructure funding. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Town, Washington County Economic Development Council, discussed the commercial intent overlay map in reference to the Corridor project. Discussion included that this will tie in with Bonifay's overlay map, the possibility of a truck stop coming to the project and the distribution of the fuel taxes.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, discussed the proposed DEANCO Auction agreement which guarantees a minimum of \$346,000 less a 7% commission for the sale of seven (7) dump trucks, a grader and two (2) loaders. Discussion included possibly adding the old Ford tractor and the status of the repairs for the Volvo grader. Commissioner Sasnett offered a motion to approve the auction contract. Commissioner Music offered a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Mr. Adams discussed the vacant grader operator position in District 1 and advised that no one has applied internally. Mr. Adams advised he has had a standby operator in place and recommended to hire him. Attorney Goodman advised that this is an on-call person that is a former employee. Commissioner Sasnett

offered a motion to hire the on-call operator. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Powell, Music and Sasnett voted yes with Commissioners Locke and Erickson voting no. The motion passed.

Attorney Goodman presented and discussed the proposed County dirt policy. Discussion included that the policy only allows "ditch dirt" or "worthless" dirt to be given to citizens, that each citizen can only receive two (2) loads per year, that the dirt must be dropped at no more than thirty (30) feet from the County right-of-way and that delivery will be made while the road crew is in the area so that no additional County costs are incurred. Discussion also included that the County Coordinator will develop a plan for the implementation of the policy. No action was taken at this time.

Attorney Goodman discussed the proposed policy for maintenance of private roads and driveways. He advised an hourly rate is charged with the monetary amount per the Boards discretion. No action was taken.

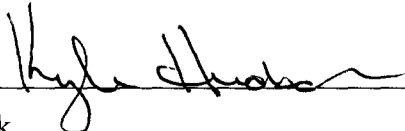
Attorney Goodman discussed the salary for Wesley Adams, County Coordinator. Discussion included previous action setting the salary at the overtime exemption rate, an injunction which was preventing the new overtime exemption rate of \$47,474 from going into effect, the current overtime exemption rate being \$23,660, and considering an annual salary of \$46,500. Attorney Goodman also read a "clause" which explains the terms of employment for the Coordinator. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to set the salary at \$46,500 and to hire Mr. Adams per the terms of the "clause". Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioner Powell, Music, Sasnett and Erickson voted yes with Commissioner Locke voting no. The motion passed.

(Employment Clause)

Attorney Goodman discussed the Florida Constitutional requirement that the districts be reaffirmed or adjusted after each decennial census. Discussion included this being based on population within each district, that any redistricting is done under Federal and State law and that Public Hearings must be held whether any changes are made or not. No action was taken.

The Board discussed retaining access to Lake Cassidy. Attorney Goodman discussed the County stance is that they will fight to preserve the right of access to the lake and if they can't reach an agreement with the property owner that the matter will go to court. He advised he and the Chairman are meeting with the property owner in the next week and will address the topic again in the meeting held at the end of January.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman