

March 30, 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.

Angie Purvee, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 5-3) Bridge Crew Contingency Fund Request – add
- 5-4) Hiring Roadside Grass Cutting personnel - add
- 5-5) Ordinance CPA17-01 and Flood Plain Ordinance – add

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

Harry Bell, Tax Collector, spoke in favor of the County purchasing the Bonifay Elementary School building stating that this opportunity has tremendous potential for the future of the County.

The Board entered into discussion about the County purchasing the Bonifay Elementary School building. Discussion included the following:

- Future growth of the County and possible uses of the building
- Having the Building Inspector inspect the building
- Buildings and fixtures that would be included with the sale
- A tentative offer of \$250,000.00 to purchase the property
- An approximate cost of \$8,000.00 per month for utilities

The following individuals also spoke regarding this issue:

- Rusty Williams, School Board member
- Terry Mears, School Board Superintendent

No action was taken.

Commissioner Powell stated that the County needs to update its Policies and Procedures. Discussion included the following:

- The liability of sending county employees and equipment on private property
- Hauling tires for private citizens using County dump trucks
- The importance of having clear, concise policies for employees to follow

The following individual also spoke regarding this issue:

- Ann Payne, Recycling Center Department Head

The Board will schedule workshops to update the Policy and Procedures manual.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested that \$10,000.00 be moved from the Road Department's contingency fund to Bridge Materials until proceeds from the auction of the Volvo grader are received. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested to create and advertise for two temporary positions not to exceed six months. These positions will be for mowing and will each work 24 hours per week. Commissioner Locke offered a motion to approve the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve Ordinance CPA17-01 with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance CPA 17-01)

Commissioner Music offered a motion to approve Floodplan Ordinance 17-02 with Commissioner Powell offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 17-02)

County Attorney Jeff Goodman informed the Board that the Burgess lawsuit case had been dismissed.

Commissioner Music discussed an animal issue in the Idlewood subdivision and requested that the County Coordinator or the County Attorney look into this.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, informed the Board that Verizon Wireless has a deal for governmental employees to obtain cell phones with unlimited call and text for \$51.00 per month. Discussion included that the Sunshine Law subjects personal email and phone accounts to public record requests if the accounts are used for County business. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to cancel the cell phone stipend for County employees and purchase cell phones from Verizon Wireless to be used solely for County business. Commissioner Erickson withdrew his motion. The Board discussed holding a workshop to discuss the matter further.

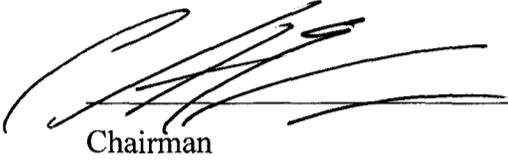
Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, gave an update of the FEMA work which included:

- FEMA work has been split into two teams
- The first 10 roads on the list for chip seal should be done by mid-December
- Must show a saving on the FEMA projects before can move forward with alternative procedures
- Public meetings with affected property owners
- Establishing a base line scope of work on the alternative procedures
- Effect of pending extension request on time line for alternative procedures

Joey Marsh, FEMA Coordinator, reminded the Board that Department Heads answer to all five Commissioners and asked that each Commissioner take this into consideration when instructing a Department Head to complete a task.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman