

May 8, 2017  
Workshop  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Workshop 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.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, was present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. 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) Dirt Hauling - add
- 5-4) Beaver Eradication - add

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

Sheriff John Tate presented his request to expand the Holmes County Jail to a 300 bed facility. Discussion included the following:

- Jail population is currently averaging 160 in a facility built to house 125 inmates
- The cost of housing Holmes County inmates in Walton County
- Requesting money from the State or hiring a grant writer
- Paying for the expansion by housing inmates for other counties and Federal Prison Transport
- Implementing an ankle monitoring release program
- Renovating and adding to current jail versus building a new facility
- The Jail Standards required by the State

The following citizens spoke on this topic

- Dennis Lee, Former Holmes County Sheriff
- Mike Moore, Jail Administrator
- Brandon Newsome, owner of *Pretrial Solutions*, a company offering ankle monitoring services

The Board also discussed forming a Jail committee consisting of the Sheriff, the County Coordinator, the Building Inspector and the County Engineer to bring options and cost estimates back for the Board's consideration.

Chairman Erickson discussed his suggestion to place the Holmes County Emergency Management Department under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff John Tate advised that he would be agreeable to assuming this responsibility. Discussion included the Sheriff recently assuming 911 operations, the possible jail expansion and the obligation of the Board to oversee Emergency Management. Commissioners Powell, Music and Sasnett expressed their wish to leave Emergency Management under the Board. This item was removed from future agendas.

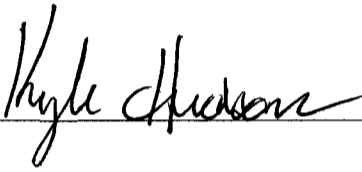
Commissioner Music requested that the surplus "ditch dirt" be valued at \$25.00 per load and made available for delivery to private entities upon payment. Discussion included that with the Road Department

employees currently doing FEMA work the County did not have the resources available to deliver the surplus dirt and the option of citizens hiring a private business to deliver the dirt. This matter to be brought back at the regular session for further consideration.

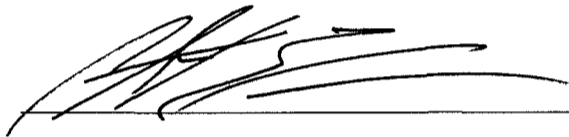
County Coordinator Wesley Adams advised that he has obtained a contact number for USDA and will be contacting them regarding their beaver eradication program. Mr. Adams will notify the Board once he has all the information.

Commissioner Sasnett advised that the County will need to maintain Berrian Lake Road because Walton County will not assume this responsibility, but he will inform Walton County that the County will no longer maintain Huggins Lane which is in Walton County.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.



Clerk



Chairman