

November 2, 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 Danny Powell, Commissioner Phillip Music, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett and Commissioner Clint Erickson, Chairman of the Board.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, and Brandon Young, County Attorney, were present.

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

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Wesley Adams led the prayer and pledge.

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

- 5-C) Steve Connell Trip to Texas - addition
- 5-D) Janitorial Service for Library – addition
- 5-E) Amendment to 181 SCOP Agreement – addition
- 5-F) Complaints about House on Hwy 79 – addition

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

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, advised that an updated surplus dirt policy and new driveway policy were needed. Discussion included the following:

- Current surplus dirt policy
- New policy allowing 100 foot driveway right-of-way
- Policy of surrounding counties
- Florida Statute stating pit dirt cannot be delivered without compensation unless protecting a county road
- Ditch or spoil dirt can be delivered to residence, but cannot be spread or packed
- Rules regarding State Roads and County Roads
- Policy for private citizens within the municipalities
- Description of County's Right of Way boundaries
- Process for property owners to request dirt and driveway work
- Selling ditch dirt

The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Brandon Young, County Attorney
- Albert Jordan, Road Department Foreman and Special Road Projects Manager

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to amend the surplus dirt policy to allow 2 loads of spoil dirt for each Holmes County 911 address adjoining a road right-of-way, not just "County" road right-of-way. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Music, Sasnett and Erickson voted yes with Commissioner Powell voting no. The motion passed.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to rescind the 100 foot driveway right-of-way based on the County Attorney's recommendation, set the driveway right-of-way to 50 feet and repairing only those driveways that are causing damage to county roads and right-of-ways. Commissioner Erickson withdrew motion.

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to have the County Attorney draft a policy that includes offering 2 loads of ditch dirt to each 911 address in the County, to repair only the driveways that are causing damage to the county roads and right-of-ways, and to refrain from repairing any driveways until the new policy is adopted. The County Attorney will bring the drafted policy to a workshop on November 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for the Board to review. Commissioner Powell offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested permission for EMS Director Steve Connell to travel to Houston, Texas to pick up the ambulance chassis that was donated to the Road Department with the travel expense to be paid from the Shop's travel fund. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to grant the request with Commissioner Sasnett offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Adams, County Coordinator, requested that the current cleaning contract include janitorial services for the Library at an additional cost of \$300.00 per month which is not included in the current budget. The Board tabled further action on this matter until Mr. Adams can discuss the budget for this service with Librarian Susan Harris.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, presented an amendment to the 181 SCOP agreement increasing the amount for the project by approximately \$86,000. Mr. Mathis advised that the additional funds were granted due to reconstruction and extra asphalt needed to successfully complete the project. Commissioner Powell offered a motion to adopt the amendment with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

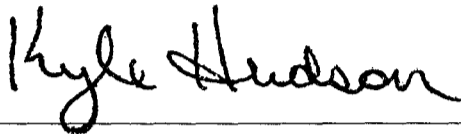
(Amendment)

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, advised that the funding currently available to complete the 181C project might be sufficient by eliminating the widening of the road. Mr. Mathis stated that Engineer Cliff Knauer would advise the Board at the next session. Mr. Mathis also advised he will look into the complaints received from property owners on CR 181C concerning mailbox and driveway damage.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, requested permission to put a gap in the continuous guard rail north of the bridge on CR 183A. Mr. Mathis advised that a property owner has requested the gap in order to enter his pasture. The Board approved the request as long as the engineer was agreeable and it did not compromise the safety of the road.

Commissioner Music advised that he had received complaints about the trash around a house on SR 79 before Wrights Creek. County Attorney Brandon Young will send a letter to the property owner about the complaints received concerning the condition of the property.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman