

February 21, 2022
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioners Phillip Music, Jeff Good, and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

David Corbin, Project Director, and Nathan Nolan, County Attorney, were present. Leigh Ann Ennis, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

There were no Agenda Additions and Deletions. Commissioner Music offered the motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford opened the workshop by welcoming the public and inviting them to discuss their concerns pertaining to the City of Bonifay abandoning the Recreation Complex (Rec Center). The following points were discussed:

- The Rec Center is a key piece of community life utilized by citizens of the County
- Life Out Loud (LOL) Church expressed concern for local youth if the Rec Center were to close
- An annual Special Olympics event is scheduled, and the Rec Center is the only facility in the County that can accommodate this event
- Youth sports leaders reported that the City of Bonifay provided minimal facility upkeep and the past volunteers will continue to work to keep the facility usable
- The safety of the building at the Rec Center is in question and being investigated by the Board
- Annual expenses for the Rec Center are being researched
- The Kiwanis Club stated for the record that it does not want to manage the Rec Center
- LOL expressed interest in the Rec Center building to provide community outreach and supportive services
- The City of Bonifay must legally abandon the Rec Center property before another entity can “claim” it
- The Rec Center could be viewed as an asset to the County and when properly managed could bring tourism and revenue to the County
- A volunteer board could be appointed to manage the Rec Center and work in conjunction with the Board and possibly the TDC Board to improve and maintain the Rec Center

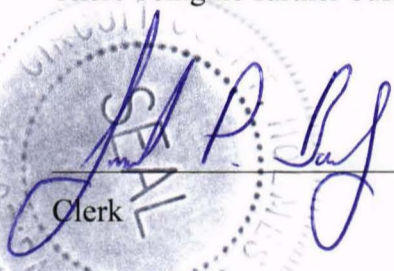
The following private citizens spoke on the matter:

- Danny Carnley
- Emily McCann
- Chris Massey
- Tonya Massey
- Shan Hatfield
- Kevin Womble
- Tommy Simmons
- Sandy Spears
- Donna Carnley

David Corbin, Project Director, invited the public to contact him with concerns or questions.


Chairman Stafford thanked the public for attending and contributing to the discussion. He also requested that the public remain patient as the Board works toward a possible solution of this community issue.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



Clerk

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Chairman

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