

January 19, 2021
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioners Clint Erickson, Jeff Good, Brandon Newsom, Phillip Music (via telephone) and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

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

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following items were deleted:

- Attorney Item Hardy Skipper Road
- Attorney Item Hospital Bond Payment

Commissioner Newsom offered the motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newsom offered the motion to adopt the minutes from the January 5, 2021 Regular Session. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Harrison, private citizen, discussed the possibility of cleaning or purchasing the old Gritney Fire Department building as it is a neighboring property. Brandon Young, County Attorney, will research the property and report back to the Board.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed Bid #20-10, CEI services for County Road 179 and the bid ranking. Alday-Howell Engineering was the top ranked firm. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to proceed with Alday-Howell Engineering for CEI Services on the County Road 179 project. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Bid #20-10 Ranking Scoresheet)

Tracey Andrews, Gulf Power, discussed the merger of Gulf Power and Florida Power and Light. Ms. Andrews explained how the merger will positively affect residents of Northwest Florida.

(Email)

Garrett Griffin, Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC), presented the agreement for Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) management services between ECRC and the County for an additional \$180,000 of Hurricane Michael Recovery Funds. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to allow the Chairman to execute the agreement allowing ECRC to administer the HHRP funds for the County. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Becky Marsh, Holmes County Library, presented the Board with two recommendations to the Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System (PPLCS) Board. Ms. Marsh stated that Rachel Darling and Iris Brown Smith are qualified and willing to serve. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to accept the nominations to the PPLCS Board. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, discussed the need for the Board to designate funds to pay Dewberry Engineering invoices for design and surveying services on Bonifay-Gritney Road, Phase 2. The money DOT allocated for design and surveying services on Phase 2 had been re-allocated to Phase 1 due to a funding shortfall. Per Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, the Phase 2 design expenses will be reimbursed by DOT after FEMA funds are used to pave a portion of the Phase 1 project. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to use validated funds to pay the Dewberry Engineering invoices for design and surveying services on Bonifay-Gritney Road, Phase 2, until a DOT reimbursement can be requested. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, explained that though there is a signed agreement for Dewberry Engineering to provide CEI services for the FEMA Alternative Procedures Roads, Phase 2, the agreement was not approved during a meeting. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the FEMA Alternative Procedures Roads, Phase 2 CEI services agreement with Dewberry Engineering in the amount of \$150,000. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

David Corbin, Project Director, announced staffing changes for his office. Marti Sherrouse has been promoted to Recycling Director and Grace Palmer has joined the County Office as an Administrative Assistant.

Bob Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, reported that FEMA workers were with Albert Jordan, Special Road Projects Manager, inspecting roads for damages due to Hurricane Sally. Other discussion included:

- FEMA personnel will be provided with pictures of damage to roads that have already been repaired
- Bridges that were more than 50% damaged will be replaced with concrete bridges

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed that it has been over 60 days since GAC delivered any milled asphalt product with GAC claiming they are having difficulty obtaining milled asphalt and would be open to a change in scope. Further discussion included the following:

- The shortage of milled asphalt may be a quality issue or price issue
- Possibly taking action with the surety as GAC is a bonded contractor

- Re-writing the scope of work for the FEMA Alternative Procedures Roads, Phase 2 is a possibility
- Allowing the company providing the lime rock base to continue with lime rock delivery

(Email)

Commissioner Newsom questioned the status of the Bonifay-Chipley Road project. No engineers were present but the following was discussed:

- Status of the Army Corps of Engineers permit
- Grading has been necessary but the District 3 grader has been down

The matter was tabled.

Commissioner Erickson discussed repairs made to Hoovers Mill Road due to damage caused by Hurricane Sally. Commissioner Erickson purchased approximately ten loads of "Rip Rap" or larger sized rock at approximately \$1000 per load and he expressed concern with depleting his Road Materials Budget while waiting for FEMA reimbursement. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to take money from validated funds to reimburse the District 5 Road Materials Budget for the exact amount of the Hoover Mill Road repairs with funds being replaced when FEMA reimburses for the repairs. Commissioner Erickson offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Good discussed logging work off of Hogan Road causing damage to the road. Commissioner Good will obtain contact information for this particular logging company for Attorney Young. Further discussion included the possibility of how to limit damage to the roads and who is responsible for damages to the roads caused by logging companies.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, reported that the recent dry weather has helped with the progress on Bonifay/Gritney Road and the contractor is doing the best he can to keep the road passable.

David Corbin, Project Director, stated that Washington County will be closing Davidson Road for repairs.

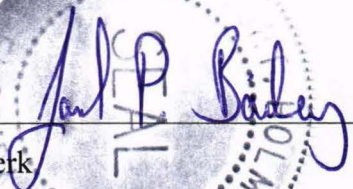
Brandon Newsom offered a motion to add County Road 185 to the SCRAP project. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, suggested Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, and Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, evaluate some suggested roads for SCRAP and SCOP projects and they could provide the Board with some direction. Mr. Mathis requested a list of roads be provided and the engineers will report back to the Board.


Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, reported that he received word from Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, and Mr. Knauer advised that he has met with Mr. Powell about Hardy Skipper Road and he will have a report at the next meeting.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Clerk


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Chairman


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