

July 19, 2022
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

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

David Corbin, Project Director, and Nathan Nolan, County Attorney, were also present.

Leigh Ann Ennis, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the Workshop to order at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming Senator George Gainer and Representative Brad Drake and thanking them for attending and for all they have done for Holmes County.

Chairman Stafford presented Senator Gainer and Representative Drake with plaques of appreciation from Holmes County.

Senator Gainer thanked the Board for being who they are and working together for the good of the citizens of Holmes County. He also thanked Representative Drake for his cooperation as well as Liberty Partners for working together with the Board and himself to get the appropriations funds needed.

Representative Drake addressed the Board and expressed pleasure in helping the citizens of Holmes County. Senator Drake noted that no other Ag Center projects received funding and that he and Senator Gainer strategically incorporated the Consolidated Government Efficiency Center with a new Ag Center to get the County's funding approved. He also suggested naming the Consolidated Government Efficiency Center in honor of Senator Gainer.

The individual Board members spoke words of gratitude and praise to Senator Gainer and Representative Drake.

The Workshop recessed at 10:49 a.m.

The Workshop resumed at 11:11 a.m.

Sheriff John Tate discussed utilizing the Old Ag Center for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Tate explained that he believes the Old Ag Center will afford his department plenty of space and by using inmate work crews for demolition and reconstruction when appropriate, this avenue will save funds for other portions of the Government Efficiency Center project. He reiterated that it is more space that his department needs, not a new facility.

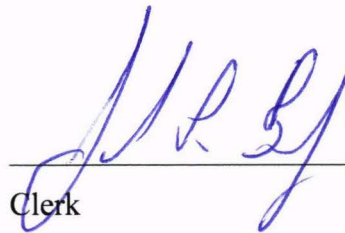
Jennifer Green, Liberty Partners, discussed the following:

- There is quite a bit of flexibility with this project in terms of what the appropriations will allow
- Getting the Old Ag Center land purchased should be the first step
- Until a purchase price is set it isn't possible to make an accurate project budget
- A scope of work for the project will need to be created but can be modified as the project progresses
- An agreement will need to be created much like a grant agreement

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, discussed the construction of the Consolidated Government Efficiency Center on the Old Ag Center property as well as the possibility of utilizing the adjacent County owned land. Discussion included:

- Drainage may be an issue as all current drainage flows to the DOT right of way
- Current Water Management Guidelines for drainage will need to be met when new buildings are constructed
- The Old AgCenter drainage would be affected if it were remodeled and repurposed, however building new facilities will be considered a change and need to meet current storm water drainage standards
- Parking also needs to be considered when planning for buildings and drainage
- Logistics of services during a disaster and events
- New Ag Center may not fit on the same land as the Consolidated Government Efficiency Center
- Plans will need to be created before a bid can be obtained
- Site plans can be prepared for the next regular session
- Creating a committee for the Consolidated Government Efficiency Center should be place on the next meeting agenda

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman