

July 27, 2021  
Special Session  
Bonifay, Florida

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

Brandon Young, County Attorney, was also present.

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

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Bob Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following item was added:

- |                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Commissioner Item | Hospital Project Funding (ARPA) |
| • Commissioner Item | Touch a Truck Event             |
| • Commissioner Item | Rubber Tire Excavator Purchase  |
| • County Attorney   | Tower on M C Carnley            |
| • County Attorney   | Deacon Road Hunting Lease       |

Commissioner Erickson offered the motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, discussed the proposed millage rate for the next budget year. Commissioner Erickson offered the motion to allow the millage rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to remain the same as the 2020-2021 fiscal year at a rate of 9.4916. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, discussed setting a date for the Tentative Budget Hearing. Commissioner Music offered the motion to hold a Tentative Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:01 p.m. Commissioner Good offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the Spray Foam Insulation Bid for the Jail Appropriations Grant project. Mr. Young explained that two bids were received, one from Holley Development and the other from Southeast Insulation. The Jail committee evaluated the criteria, and the committee recommended the bid be awarded to Southeast Insulation. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to award the bid for the open cell spray foam insulation to Southeast Insulation. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Brandon Young, County Attorney presented the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Agreement for Emergency Management for approval and the Chairman's signature. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Grant Agreement)

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the tower on M C Carnley Road. Mr. Young explained that the tower needs some repairs to meet the safety standards of AT&T who has a lease agreement to place equipment on the tower. Commissioner Erickson offered the motion to use funds from Board Contingencies to make the needed repairs to the tower. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Young, County Attorney, discussed the hunting lease for the Deacon Road property and the lessee's request to have access to the property from October 2021 through January 2022. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to extend the hunting lease on the Deacon Road property to the current lessee to include October, November, and December 2021 as well as January of 2022. Commissioner Music offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Lease Agreement)

Chairman Stafford discussed the need for striping on CR 177A, north of Highway 2 to the State line. Chairman Stafford presented a quote from Guettler & Guettler, Inc. which included pricing for "Centerline Only" as well as "Centerline and Edge line" with thermoplastic or painted markings. Discussion included:

- Using thermoplastic rather than paint as thermoplastic lasts much longer than paint
- Marking both the centerline and the edge lines
- Using \$35,000.00 from CARES Act Payroll Reimbursement funds and take the remainder from Board Contingencies
- The status of this project is considered "Emergency" as it is an extreme hazard

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to accept the bid from Guettler & Guettler Inc due to the emergency status of CR 177A using CARES Act Payroll Reimbursement and Board Contingencies funds. Commissioner Newsome offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

Warren Bailey, Doctors Memorial Hospital (DMH), discussed a new, lower cost for all the items that the hospital is seeking funding for through American Recovery Plan Act, (ARPA). Mr. Baily explained that DMH has refined their choices in equipment options to get the approximate cost down to \$376,000.00. The Board agreed by consensus to contact Liberty Partners and discuss ARPA options with DMH needs as top priority.

Commissioner Newsom sought Board approval to allow several County vehicles to be displayed at "Touch a Truck" event being held at West Pittman Church in September. The Board agreed by consensus to participate in the function by providing equipment.

Chairman Stafford discussed the cost of an excavator with rubber tires. Chairman Stafford explained that John Deere will have price increases on Friday, July 30, 2021, and the cost of the excavator previously quoted price of \$212,000.00 will increase by \$11,000.00. Chairman Stafford explained that it would be a Hitachi rather



than a John Deere, but that a Hitachi is like John Deere except for the engine. Commissioner Erickson offered the to purchase an excavator with rubber tires contingent upon the sale of surplus equipment totaling \$150,000.00 and using ARPA lost revenue funds to pay the balance. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering, discussed the following:

- Installation of a "Speed Table" at the request of New Smyrna Church on the road in front of the church
- Posting signs that say "Reduced Speed Ahead" prior to the "Speed Table"
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will issue a "blanket letter" for all FEMA Alternative Procedure Roads, Phase 2, that do not require permitting to be paved (NPR)
- One or two of the FEMA Alternative Procedures Roads, Phase 2, will require permits
- FEMA has produced unrealistic cost estimates to repair the damage from Hurricane Sally to both Tanner Bridge and Spring Valley Bridge

(FEMA Repair Estimate & Dewberry Repair Estimate)

Bon Stinebaugh, Integrity Group, discussed the following:

- Hurricane Sally Category B funds could be deposited as soon as next Friday

Commissioner Erickson inquired about funds from Washington County for repairs made by Holmes County in Washington County after Hurricane Sally. Commissioner Erickson stated those funds have not been paid and should be considered on next year's budget.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Clerk



Chairman