

September 23, 2022
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 Clint Erickson, Commissioner Jeff Good, Commissioner Phillip Music and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, and David Corbin, Project Director, were present.

Melissa Kabaci, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first item of business was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following addition was made to the agenda:

- Commissioner Item A) Flowing Well Road Logging

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

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented the three bids received in response to the County's RFP #22-08 for Workers Compensation, Property and Casualty Insurance. He advised that the Florida Sheriffs Association was disqualified for not submitting all the required documents. The Board was presented the eligible bids from Florida Association of Counties Trust (FACT) and Public Risk Management (PRM). The current provider, PRM, bid an annual premium of \$317,824 to continue the County's existing coverage. FACT entered a bid of \$298,136 for an annual premium with the Attorney verifying that the coverage was comparable to the County's current coverage. PRM's cost run-off fee, which is the cost to terminate coverage and to cover any pending litigation, was assessed at \$49,500. Discussion included that the lower bid submitted by FACT would not cover PRM's run-off fee, the number of claims with PRM, the County's experiences with PRM and going out for bid again next year. Representatives from FACT and PRM discussed their services and coverages. Commissioner Music offered a motion to continue with PRM for the County's workers compensation, property and casualty insurance. Commissioner Good offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented a proposed ordinance with the local restrictions that the Board can place on alcohol sales in response to the voter approved *Liquor by the Drink* referendum. These items include the distance from a school, church or residence that liquor sales will be allowed. Discussion of this matter included:

- Existing businesses affected by the restrictions
- Owners seeking liquor licenses who live close to their establishments
- Adopting restrictions for only school and churches
- Grandfathering in the residences of existing businesses

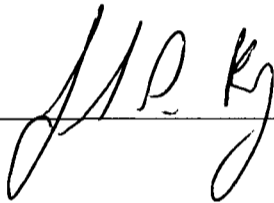
Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to prohibit the sale of alcohol 1,000 feet from a church or school and 250 feet from residential property. Commissioner Good offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion continued to the allowable times for alcohol sales. Discussion included how the actions of the municipalities will affect the Board's ordinance restrictions and the actions taken by Washington County. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the ordinance to limit the sale of alcohol to the hours of 7:00 a.m.

to 12:00 p.m. midnight. Commissioner Good offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Good offered a motion to accept the proposed ordinance with the approved changes. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stafford advised that the company currently logging on Flowing Well Road needs to haul out approximately 60 more loads to complete the job and that lumber companies are requiring a letter from the Board before they will accept the loads. Discussion included the road damage caused by the logging, economic duress claimed by logging companies, enforcement of road weight limits and determining the weight limit of each road. Commissioner Good offered a motion to send the requested letter with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously. The road weight limits will be discussed further at a future meeting.

(Proposed Ordinance)

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Clerk 

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