

November 1, 2022
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, Phillip Music, Jeff Good, Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Nathan Nolin, County Attorney, was present and David Corbin, Project Director, was present via telephone.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Sam Bailey, Clerk of Court, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- Commissioner Item A) Agenda Items Add-Ons
- County Coordinator Item A) Rec Center Lights

Commissioner Music offered the motion to accept the amended agenda with Commissioner Newsom offering the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 18, 2022 Regular Session. Commissioner Newsom offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Audrey Sorrell, private citizen, discussed the poor condition of the milled asphalt on Malcolm Taylor Road. Discussion included that the milling washed away after a storm event, the grader work on the road and Ms. Sorrell's multiple attempts to contact the County about the issue. Wayne Sellers, private citizen, also discussed the problems on Malcolm Taylor Road as well as issuing a complaint about the speed bumps at New Smyrna Church. The Board advised that the Road Department was in the process of using the County's road reclaimer to improve the condition of Malcolm Taylor Road. The Board directed Project Director David Corbin to oversee the use of the road reclaimer on the remainder of the road and to investigate the reason Ms. Sorrell's complaints were never addressed.

Corey Walsh, Holmes County Peeewe Football, presented a donation to the Board to offset the expenses associated with the football teams' use of the facility. The Board expressed their appreciation for the donation and Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to return the donation to the Holmes County Peeewe Football Association to use for their program. Commissioner Erickson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

April Adams, private citizen, requested that the Board reconsider their decision to close the Library on Saturdays explaining that her work schedule only allows her and her children to visit the Library on that day. The Board directed Project Director David Corbin to discuss this matter with Ms. Adams and see if a resolution to the request could be reached.

Tim Parsons, Liberty Partners, introduced Lyle Seigler, Executive Director for the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Mr. Seigler discussed the Water Management's history, function, programs and

projects. He advised that the services of the Water Management District were available should the Board need assistance. The Board requested that Mr. Seigler assist with the Northdale Subdivision drainage project.

John Feeney, Contracted Planner, presented a lot split application from Dockery Land Holdings LLC for parcel I.D. #1834.02-000-000-005.000. He advised that the application requested 1.24 acres be split from the Ponce de Leon parcel, that the lot would have the required access, the comp plan requirements have been met and that the Town of Ponce de Leon would be providing water and sewer to the property. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Town of Ponce de Leon has not officially approved the lot split
- Site to be developed for a dollar store
- Lack of an easement onto the property
- Lot split application not required to go before the Planning Commission
- Next step will be the development order which will require approval by the Planning Commission and the Board
- Lot split application to correct deeds recorded without approval

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the lot split application contingent on the Ponce de Leon town council officially approving the application and the deed splitting the property providing an easement to the lot. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Application)

Jennifer Green, Liberty Partners, advised that the closing costs for the purchase of the old Ag Center will be \$1,400.50 which will bring the total purchase price to \$134,400.50. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to approve the \$1,400.50 closing costs with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Green, Liberty Partners, presented Resolution 22-36 giving Project Director David Corbin the authority to sign the State's appropriations agreement for the Holmes County Consolidated Government Efficiency Center. Discussion included when the agreement may be available, the pending response to the request that the purchase of the old Ag Center be handled directly by a transfer of funds from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS), the completion deadline for the project is June 2024 with another 12-month extension possible, the Ag Center Committee meetings and the required procurement process once the agreement is received. Commissioner Good offered a motion to adopt Resolution 22-36 with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 22-36)

John Sims, Dewberry Engineering, offered updates on the following projects:

- County Road 181C - additional funding request of \$280,000 has been sent to DOT
- Bonifay/Chipley Road - the project should be ready to advertise next week
- Bonifay/Gritney Road - two landowners have yet to sign the needed property releases

Rod Adams, Melvin Engineering, offered updates on the following projects:

- Northdale Subdivision - project kick-off meeting tomorrow
- DOT fund cycle for TA grants - requested two nominations for the grants which are for non-vehicular trails, sidewalks, bike paths and overlooks before the November 23rd deadline
- SCRAP and SCOP projects - funding cycle should be open soon and requested projects to submit for the funding

The Board discussed possible submissions for the SCRAP/SCOP funding, past rejections of submissions, scoring of project applications and DOTs current five-year funding plan.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented the Amended MOU between 911 and the regional counties concerning the routing of 911 calls. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the Chairman to sign the MOU. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(MOU)

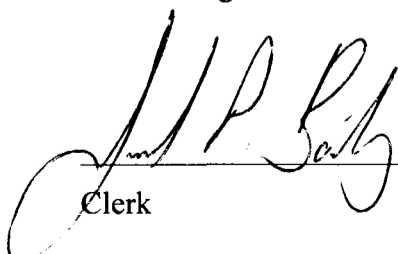
Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented a proposal from Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson Attorneys at Law to serve as bond counsel related to the County's purchase of the Project Gateway property. Discussion included that the proposal contains different fee amounts depending on how the bonds are issued and that the Development Commission is still currently working with banks for a conventional loan. Attorney Nolin advised that no procurement is needed to sign the proposal and that signing the proposal will not obligate the County to pay the listed fees but will allow the firm to start the research. Commissioner Good offered a motion to accept the proposal with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.


(Proposal)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented the proposed letter to the waste disposal companies operating within the County without paying the franchise fee. The letter instructs the companies to discontinue garbage collection until the franchise fee is paid and advises failure to pay the fee could result in criminal prosecution. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to allow Project Director David Corbin to sign and deliver the proposed letter to the appropriate companies. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman