July 12, 2016 Workshop Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met in a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Mickey Locke, Commissioner William Parish, Commissioner David Whitaker, Commissioner Bobby Sasnett, and Commissioner Danny Powell, Chairman of the Board.

Jeff Goodman, County Attorney, was present.

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

The meeting was convened at 8:01 a.m. Chairman Powell opened the meeting.

Attorney Jeff Goodman discussed the State Road 79 route decision. The following topics were discussed:

- The Department of Transportation (DOT) will announce potential routes for the project between September and November of this year
- The Draft Resolution for the SR 79 route presented to local municipalities and tabled at the last meeting
- The request to DOT, Atkins Global and several other consultants for a map overlay or dimensions on right of ways
- Local engineers may create a mock overlay map to show the potential impact of the route going through the city of Bonifay versus two one-way routes
- The Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce's approval of the Resolution requesting to DOT that SR 79 go directly through the city of Bonifay
- The Board will place the Resolution on the agenda for the last meeting in July
- The City's concern over future land use if the route goes through downtown Bonifay
- Use of the 2008 revitalization plan as a building block for a future restructuring plan for the city of Bonifay
- Securing a grant to aid in developing a master plan for Bonifay
- Development of an Interlocal agreement for the SR 79 north corridor similar to the one for the SR 79 south corridor project
- Attorney Goodman will draft an Interlocal agreement for land use between the City of Bonifay and the County

Other citizens also speaking regarding this matter were the following:

- Julia Bullington, Chamber of Commerce
- Roger Brooks, Councilman for the City of Bonifay
- Brian Lemieux, Hanson Professional Services
- Jim Town, Washington County Economic Development Council

Ted Everett, Executive Director; Washington County Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the I-10 Corridor project to include the following:

- The technical assistance grant for the feasibility study having been denied by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- The submission of another grant request
- The project continuing forward as planned without the grant

 Holding a workshop in the near future at the City Council building to give a presentation on the project

Joey Marsh, County Coordinator, gave an update on the FEMA projects to include the following:

- Consolidation of the Project Worksheets (PWs)
- August 4 will be the start date in District 2
- Completion of the main projects before the alternative procedures can begin
- New hires will be in place by the end of August
- Bidding out for rock for the projects
- Estimated timeline for completion of the original scope of work being eighteen (18) months to two (2) years
- Can make a first draw of FEMA funds of five (5) million (20%) when notice is received that the consolidated PW is obligated
- Future bids for dirt, trucks and possibly additional truck drivers
- FEMA work schedule being five (5) days a week and alternating districts each week
- Work that will be done on roads scheduled for improvement

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Clerk

Chairman