

September 25, 2023  
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, Commissioner Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

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

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

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. No changes were made to the posted agenda. Commissioner Music offered a motion to accept the agenda with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Rone, Development Commission, requested that the Board increase the amount funded for the Development Commission secretary position to pay minimum wage for 40 hours per week plus the health insurance benefit. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Request would cost approximately \$16,000 in recurring expenses
- Money spent by surrounding counties for the Development Commission
- Charter creating the Holmes County Development Commission
- Number of work hours considered to be full-time
- County is fiscally constrained and struggled to balance the 2023-2024 budget
- Imposing a franchise fee on utilities to generate more County revenue
- Potential revenue that will be generated by incoming Busy Bee

Commissioner Good offered a motion to grant the funding request and use \$15,986.00 of 2023-2024 Board Contingencies for the expense. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Good and Music voted yes with Commissioners Erickson, Newsom, and Stafford voting no. The motion failed. Commissioner Good offered a motion for the County to cover the health insurance benefit for the Development Commission's secretary in the amount up to \$9,934 using 2023-2024 Board Contingencies for the expense. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Erickson, Good and Music voted yes with Commissioners Newsom and Stafford voting no. The motion passed.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a public hearing to establish the final millage and budget. Chairman Stafford advised that the proposed millage was set at 9.4916 which is 5.61% greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.9871. The millage rate of 9.4916 is the current millage. By adopting the same rate for 2023-24 this generates a small increase in revenue which was needed to balance the General and Transportation Trust Funds. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, read Resolution 23-18 which adopts the final operating millage rate of 9.4916. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the millage rate and the effect on their taxes with no one responding. Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #23-18)

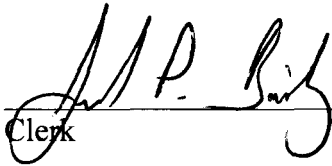
Chairman Stafford gave the public an opportunity to discuss changes to the 2023-2024 Budget.

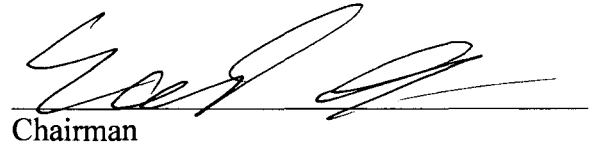
Commissioner Good offered a motion for the County to fund the health insurance benefit for the Development Commission's secretary in the amount up to \$9,934 using 2023-2024 Board Contingencies for the expense. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion from the public, Attorney Nolin read Resolution #23-19 adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \$34,118,300. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #23-19)  
(2023-2024 Final Budget)

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman