

October 30, 2023
Special Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioners Clint Erickson, Jeff Good, Phillip Music, 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 5:00 p.m. Project Director David Corbin led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following changes were made to the agenda:

- County Attorney Item B) BPD Lease – added

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

Mike Denton, Planning Commission Vice-Chairman, requested that the Board give the members of the Planning Commission a waiver on completing the required Form 1 financial affidavit. Discussion included that the Tourist Development Council and the Planning Commission are required to submit Form 1. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that Form 1 requests vague financial information and that a previous County Attorney submitted a request to the Florida Commission on Ethics to exempt the Development Commission Board members from being required to submit the form. Attorney Nolin requested time to gather more information from the Ethics Commission regarding this matter since the Development Commission is considered an dependent special district and the Planning Commission is an independent district. The Board agreed by consensus to Attorney Nolin's request before taking any further action on Mr. Denton's request.

David Melvin, Melvin Engineering, presented Resolution 23-22 in support of applying for a Rural Infrastructure Grant for improvements affecting the Project "Magnolia OSB", a plant to be located in west Holmes County. Mr. Melvin explained that the grant application is due November 6th and the funds are to be used for storm water and road improvements for the plant. He stated that the exact amount of the grant is unknown but should be between \$3 to \$5 million with no match or financial obligation required of the County. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving Resolution 23-22 and the Chairman signing the RIF grant application. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

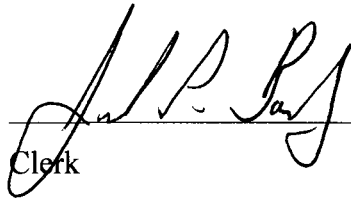
(Resolution 23-22)
(Letter Supporting Application)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented the renewed Local Option Fuel Tax (LOGT) Interlocal Agreement between the County and municipalities. He advised that the percentages, which are based on population, must be renewed every two years. Discussion included efforts made to secure the signature of all the affected municipalities. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the renewed LOGT agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that the City of Bonifay has requested a two-year lease for the old Sheriff's building to house the Bonifay Police Department. The City will be responsible for any repairs and maintenance needed on the building. Discussion included asking the City to waive the \$20,000 impact fees for the new Ag Center in lieu of a lease payment for the building. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the two-year lease contingent on Project Director David Corbin negotiating with the City to reduce the impact fees for the new Ag Center. Commissioner Music offered a second. Commissioners Good, Newsom and Music voted yes with Commissioners Erickson and Stafford voting no. The motion passed.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman