

February 12, 2024
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, Earl Stafford, Brandon Newsom, Phillip Music and Commissioner Jeff Good, 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 Good called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- Commissioner Item A) Drainage Ditch off Highway 79 – added

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

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a \$15,247 quote from Thompson Tractor to rent a bulldozer for one month to clear the brush from the Project Gateway property. Discussion included availability of the dozer and sources of funding for the rental. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the quote using Board Contingencies funds. Commissioner Erickson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Newsom discussed the need to take action to prevent the loss of the \$4.6 million rural infrastructure grant that was awarded for the failed Ponce de Leon lumber project that the Board intends to use for Project Gateway.

Commissioner Erickson clarified that Project Director David Corbin can approve expenditures up to the \$30,000 threshold if the money is allocated on the budget.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the vacant grader operator position in District 5 and that a previous Road Department employee has agreed to do the work on a temporary basis. Discussion included the lack of grader operator applicants, the appropriate hourly wage for the temporary position and the money saved by not paying benefits. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to hire Greg Gordon for a temporary part-time grader operator position working no more than 30 hours per week at \$19.00 per hour. The six-month position will be funded from the Road Department's Regular Salaries budget. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the debris in a ditch that runs parallel to State Road 79 that is causing water to back up into the Northdale Subdivision. Discussion of this matter included the following:

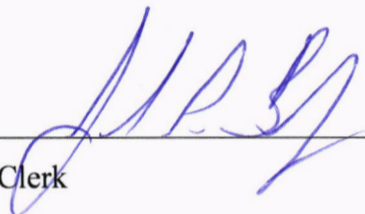
- Debris is blocking drainage in multiple spots along the ditch
- Blockage problem intensified after Hurricane Michael
- County's history of clearing the ditch
- Drainage study recently completed
- Property owner with access to the ditch
- Property owner's request for the debris removal and loads of dirt
- Obtaining mats so that the excavator does not tear up the property

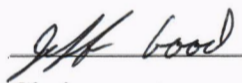
The following citizens discussed the matter:

- Jeff Dockery, Northdale Subdivision resident
- Jeannie Williams, Northdale Subdivision resident

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for Project Director David Corbin to oversee to removal of the ditch debris once an executed Right of Entry is received from property owner Stephanie Stanford along with finding out her demands for crossing her property to clear the ditch. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman