

February 22, 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 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 5:00 p.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:

- Agenda Item B) Music Festival Event at Vortex Springs – added

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

Chairman Good opened the second public hearing for proposed conditional use Ordinance 24-01 which will amend Chapter 2 of the Holmes County Land Development Regulations. John Feeney, Contracted Planner, read the ordinance onto the record and stated that the proposed ordinance will allow flexibility in the zoning process when a particular use is not specifically permitted. Chairman Good closed the public hearing with no comments from the public. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-01 with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ordinance 24-01)

Larry Sweat, a Valley Road resident, discussed his concerns about the Vortex Springs music festival scheduled for May. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- History of events held at Vortex Springs
- Expected attendance to the festival
- Protecting neighboring properties
- Current temporary use permit requirements in place
- Adopting an ordinance with more stringent temporary permit requirements for such events
- Permit requirements by neighboring counties
- Public safety concerns
- Enforcement of permit requirements
- Creating a board to review and ensure temporary permit requirements are met
- Setting triggers that activate need for temporary permits
- Placing burden on the property owner to ensure all permit requirements are met

- Vortex Springs owners has contracted with event holder to handle the *Sol Fest Music and Arts Festival*
- Permit requirements cannot be in place before the Vortex Springs music festival
- Planning Commission to review any proposed ordinance

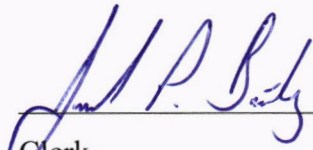
The following citizens discussed this matter:

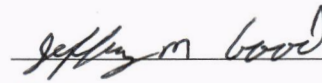
- John Feeney, Contracted Planner
- Keith Bennett, Building Official
- Nate Nolin, County Attorney

Commissioner Newsom offered a motion for Project Director David Corbin to assemble an Event Board with representatives from EMS, the Sheriff's office, the Building Department, the Health Department, the Department of Transportation, the Planning Department, and the Fire Departments. The Event Board will work to create the County's temporary permit process. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. A list of the Event Board members will be presented at the next Regular Session.

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion for County Attorney Nate Nolin and Contracted Planner John Feeney to draft a temporary permit ordinance for such events mirroring Jackson County's ordinance. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman