May 16, 2024 Special Session Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Session on the above date at the Bonifay K8 School 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 5:12 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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

• Agenda Item B) Item to be presented by Richard Willsey

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

Chairman Good advised that the Special Session was convened for the public to voice their concerns about the *Sol Fest Music Festival* held at Vortex Springs on May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> returning to the County. The following citizens spoke on the matter:

- Stephanie Barnes
- Rodney Bowers
- Jennifer Churchwell
- Larry Zezula
- Rohan Anderson, Doctors Memorial Hospital
- Kathy Johnson McBride
- Steven Boroughs
- John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff
- Sandra Wyrosdick
- Christina Driggers
- Ginny Lewis
- Alonzo Stewart
- Megan Schack
- Steve Connell, Holmes County EMS Director
- Jim King
- Anthony Register
- Denise McGowan
- April Adams
- John Searcy

- Jimmy Kirkland
- Terry Mears
- Richard Willsey

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, discussed the efforts by the Special Event Committee to create an ordinance establishing requirements for future large-scale events held in Holmes County. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Members of the nine-person committee
- Workshops and public hearings to be held before an ordinance is adopted
- Timeline should have the ordinance in place by July
- Moratorium on large-scale events until the ordinance is adopted
- Board's decision to pursue litigation to recoup expenses incurred due to the music festival
- Bonifay Rodeo is governed by the City and not the County

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Board to discuss the Special Event Ordinance at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Session. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Good read the following names onto the record as complainants against the Sol Fest Music Festival:

- Phill Hillbeck
- James Tullis
- Cody Tullis
- Katie Spenser
- Randy & Kim Radke
- Roger Owen

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.