

October 1, 2024
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular 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 6:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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

- County Coordinator Item C) Wheeler Quote

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

Commissioner Music offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 17, 2024 Regular Session. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 23, 2024 Final Budget Hearing. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Samantha Perry, a private citizen, invited everyone to attend the Bonifay Community Quilt Show being held on October 3rd and October 4th at 401 McLaughlin Avenue.

Melanie Rowand-Mills, Emerald Coast Regional Council, presented two Satisfactions of Mortgage for approval. She advised that the 2017 rehabilitation lien against Jose and Mayra Gonzalez was satisfied by a lien payoff. The 2018 First Time Homebuyer lien against Tristan Owens was also satisfied by a lien payoff. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion for the Chairman to sign both satisfactions and for the Clerk to record the documents in the official records. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Satisfactions)

Lee Duke, Arthropod Director, presented the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Mosquito Control Agreement for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He stated that the changes from the previous grant agreement include reporting time constraints and an increase in the financial assistance awarded. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, reviewed the terms of the agreement and recommended approval.

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Steve Connell, EMS Director, presented an invoice from Ten-8 Fire & Safety for repairs to the Pine Log Fire Department fire engine. He recommended that the Board pay the \$12,157.39 invoice for the unincorporated fire department with funds from the Fire Department Repair and Maintenance line item. Mr. Connell also recommended allowing him to hand-deliver the check to Ten-8 Fire & Safety. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the recommendation with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Invoice)

Steve Connell, EMS Director, presented a quote from Ten-8 Fire & Safety for repairs to the Ponce de Leon Fire Department fire engine. Mr. Connell recommended that the Board pay \$4,000 of the \$10,409 invoice with funds from the Fire Department Repair and Maintenance line item. Douglas Rimmel, Ponce de Leon Fire Chief, discussed the lack of funding provided by the Ponce de Leon municipality. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving the recommendation with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

David Corbin, Project Director, discussed giving the County employees administrative leave to attend the rodeo parade on the afternoon of Friday, October 4th. The Board agreed by consensus to allow the County employees to attend the parade using their leave.

David Corbin, Project Director, presented the Amended Interlocal Agreement for Medical Examiner Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year stating that the annual cost listed for Holmes County was included in the final budget. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a \$55,510 quote from Wheeler Emergency Management for administrative services perform on the County's behalf during the Hurricane Helene storm event. Kenneth Williams, Wheeler Emergency Management, discussed the emergency contract awarded to Wheeler and that the quote is an attempt to estimate all potential charges in the task order. A definite amount will not be submitted until FEMA makes a Hurricane Helene determination for Holmes County, then the quoted amount will be reimbursable by FEMA Category B funds. Discussion also included Wheeler's work to document the current condition of all the County roads. Commissioner Newsom

offered a motion approving the quote with Commissioner Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Quote)

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, stated that the groundbreaking for the new Government Efficiency Center (GEC) Ag Center building is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. He discussed plans to have a “Future Home of the George Gainor Government Efficiency Complex” sign for the event.

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, advised that the Department of Commerce direct payment process was instituted with the purpose of helping fiscally constrained counties with large grant projects, but the process is delaying the Government Efficiency Center project. Mr. Parson presented a memo recommending the return to the reimbursement process for the remainder of the GEC project. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Funding the GEC large invoices
- Obligating the ARPA funds by December 31st
- Waiting for the building electrical and plumbing plans from Dewberry Engineers for the EMS building

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to return to the reimbursement process for the remainder of the GEC project and to borrow from FEMA validated funds to pay GEC invoices. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Memo)

John Feeney, Alday Howell Engineers, discussed submitting the plan for installation of the Dogwood Lakes Dam #2 siphon system to the Florida Water Management District. Discussion included that a permanent easement or a land swap will need to be obtained from private property owners so that the County will have access to operate the siphon system. The Board tabled this matter to discuss at a later meeting.

John Feeney, Alday Howell Engineers, advised that the County Road 185 design has been submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) for final approval. Construction funding will be available in July 2025.

Brian Lemieux, Hanson Professional Services, presented the bids submitted for the John Clark Road improvement project. He recommended approval of the lowest bidder, Southeast Construction, and stated that any unused project funds will remain with DOT. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to award the project to Southeast Construction as recommended by Mr. Lemieux contingent on approval of the signed agreement with DOT. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Bids)

Brian Lemieux, Hanson Professional Services, stated that the FEMA Turbeville Road/Spring Valley Road Bridge project is waiting for permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented the Disaster Recovery Services Contract with Wheeler Emergency Management. He stated that no protests were filed after the County awarded the contract to Wheeler and that the "at will" termination clause has been made part of the contract. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion approving the Chairman to sign the contract with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

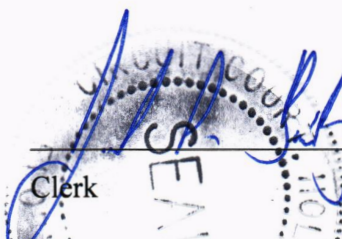
(Contract)

Commissioner Erickson discussed allowing recreational flying clubs to use the portion of the old landfill property not leased by the Florida Wildlife Commission for Chronic Wasting Disease testing. Discussion included the liability associated with flying drones on County property. Gary Everett, a Road Department employee, discussed the previous drone club activity and acting as a liaison for the County. The Board tabled this matter for County Attorney Nate Nolin and Project Director David Corbin to locate a point of contact for the club and obtain an agreement or waiver.


Chairman Good presented Amendment #5 to the Interlocal Agreement for the Highway 79 Corridor stating that the 2024-2025 revenue sharing contribution has been set at \$46,500. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Clerk

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Chairman

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