

November 4, 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 items were added to the agenda:

- Commissioner Item B) DOT Milling
- Commissioner Item C) Newspaper Article
- County Coordinator Item D) Colors of New Ag Center Building

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

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 15, 2024 Regular Session. Commissioner Music offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board along with other elected officials expressed their appreciation of the service of outgoing commissioners Jeff Good and Phillip Music.

John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff, requested approval for Panhandle Crime Stoppers of Bay County, Inc. to act as an agent to reinstate the Holmes County Crime Stoppers program. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion approving the request and for the Chairman to sign a letter to the State Attorney General stating the approval. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Letter)

Richard Willsey, a private citizen, conveyed his appreciation of Chairman Good's and Commissioner Music's service to the community.

Chairman Good opened the first public hearing for Outdoor Event Ordinance 24-06. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, discussed the addition of the appeals process and the mandate that event music must stop at midnight. He stated that the ordinance is an amendable document that can change as the County grows. Discussion during the public hearing included the following:

- The County's Land Development Regulations (LDR) contains a noise ordinance

- Incorporating the County's noise ordinance into the Outdoor Event Ordinance
- Enforcement of the ordinance
- Lake Cassidy lawsuit settlement amount
- County's litigation against the Sol Fest Music Festival promoters

The following citizens discussed the matter:

- Cathy McBride
- Sarah Johnson
- John Feeney, Contracted Planner
- John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff
- Mike Benton
- Alonzo Hornsby
- Donnie Morris

The Board requested that the Special Event Committee discuss enforcement of the ordinance with the State Attorney's Office. Chairman Good closed the public hearing. Commissioner Music offered a motion to move forward with the ordinance's second public hearing on November 19th at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Proposed Ordinance 24-06)

John Feeney, Contracted Planner, presented the site plan for the Pilot Travel Center in Ponce de Leon. He advised that the developer must satisfy the following conditions:

- Mitigate the wetlands
- Address engineering and planning comments
- Comply with all FDOT requirements

Mr. Feeney advised that both Ponce de Leon and the Planning Commission have approved the plan. He also recommended the Board's approval of the development order. The issue with the building encroachment on Joe Manning Road is not part of the site plan approval. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving the site plan contingent on satisfaction of the stated conditions. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Site Plan)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented the 2024-2025 State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement and the Certification of Free Use for Board approval. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement and certification. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement and Certification)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a request from Library Director Becky Marsh to close the Holmes County Library the week of Christmas. He advised that the employees will be required to use leave for that week. The Board agreed by consensus that Mr. Corbin could grant Ms. Marsh's request to close the Holmes County Library the week of Christmas.

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a \$30,350.40 quote from Beard Equipment to install a ride control kit on each of the five leased backhoes. Discussion included the need for the kits and installing the devices on equipment not owned by the County. The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Corbin to reach out to Deere Credit, Inc. and find out the cost to add the installed devices to the lease amount of the equipment.

(Quote)

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, presented the color options for the Government Efficiency Center new Ag building. He recommended a galvanized aluminum roof with gray and white siding. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion approving the proposed color scheme with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

John Feeney, Contracted Planner, presented a proposed minor re-plat application for Parcel Number 0607.00-000-000-022.000 owned by Mark Gilmore. He stated the re-plat will split a 2.0-acre parcel from the original 9.27-acre tract. The split parcel will be combined with adjacent parcel 0706.00-000-000-011.000. Mr. Feeney recommended approval of the application as it meets all the County's requirements. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion approving the application with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Application)

John Feeney, Alday Howell Engineering, stated that the County Road 181 improvement work should start next week.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented Resolution 24-29 approving the Chairman to execute the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) SCOP Supplemental Agreement to reduce the grant funding for John Clark Road improvements. The funding will be decreased from \$1,472,932 to \$1,043,938. Jon Sims, Dewberry Engineers, stated that the funding is being reduced due to the lower bids submitted and that any change orders needed for the project must include a request for additional funding. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion approving Resolution 24-29 with Commissioner Newsom offering a second. Commissioners Stafford, Newsom, Music and Good voted yes with Commissioner Erickson voting no. The motion passed.

(Resolution 24-29 and Supplemental Agreement)

Commissioner Erickson stated that the County's insurance has verified coverage for the portion of the old landfill property that could be used for a remote-control flying field. County Attorney Nate Nolin advised against allowing the field to be used for that purpose due to the legal risk. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to close the landfill property to remote control flying until waivers can be created and executed. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newsom discussed proposing a contract with DOT for the County to acquire some of the milling from DOT projects within the County at no cost. John Feeney, Alday Howell, stated that engineers would have to write the County's milling into the design because contractors typically own the milling on those projects. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion for County Attorney Nate Nolin and Project Director David Corbin to discuss such a contract with DOT. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newsom discussed the newspaper article regarding the Development Commission violating the Sunshine Law. County Attorney Nate Nolin stated that the State must determine if the Development Commission falls under the Sunshine Law. Discussion included the State charter that created the Development Commission. Richard Willsey, a private citizen, discussed the Development Commission's subcommittees. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for Rumberger & Kirk to prepare a letter to State representatives for clarification about the legal requirements of the Holmes the County Development Commission and for any recommended corrections. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman