

February 25, 2025  
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, Wilmer Stafford, Mitch Johnson, Brandon Newsom and Commissioner Earl Stafford, 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 Stafford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. No changes were made to the posted agenda. Commissioner Newsom offered a motion to accept the posted agenda with Commissioner Johnson offering the second. The motion passed unanimously.

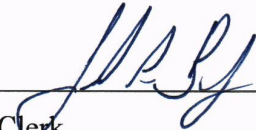
Realtor Mike Alvis, Performance Realty, presented an update on his negotiations with OZUSA Investors LLC who submitted the only bid for the County's Decon (Deacon) Road property. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- Purchase price will remain at \$500,000
- Successfully reduced the due diligence term from 120 days to 90 days
- Closing scheduled on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Sewer accessibility no longer a contingency to the purchase
- Meeting held with City of Bonifay and Opportunity Florida about annexing the property into the city limits
- Annexing the property to be at no cost to the County with the City waiving the ad valorem taxes while the property is in the County's name
- City will apply for a \$750,000 grant to expand sewer services to the property
- City plans to obtain a bridge loan for the sewer expansion until the grant funding is awarded
- Change to property value due to the availability of city sewer
- Existing residences surrounding the property will not be forced to use the City's sewer system

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that there is no legal issue with the Board accepting the bid from OZUSA Investors and then starting the process to annex the property into the city limits. Larry Cook, Mayor of Bonifay, stated that the City Council will need to approve accepting the annexed property and seeking the grant for sewer services. Realtor Mike Alvis recommended that the Board accept the re-negotiated bid terms. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to accept the new bid terms for the sale of the Decon (Deacon) Road property and proceed with annexing the parcel into the Bonifay city limits. Commissioner Newsom offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Land Contract)

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman