

June 24, 2025  
Workshop  
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioners Clint Erickson, Wilmer Stafford and Earl Stafford, Chairman of the Board.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, was present.

Angie Purveen, Finance Director, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. County Attorney Nate Nolin led the prayer and pledge.

The Board convened the Workshop to hear citizens' concerns and suggestions for keeping Lake Cassidy accessible to the public while complying with the terms of the mediated agreement with the Fountain of Youth Ranch. The public's discussion of this matter included the following:

- Procuring grant funding to improve the property
- Creating a *Keep Lake Cassidy Clean* initiative
- Entrance fee versus annual permits
- Issues with the road to the property impeding traffic flow
- Turning the property over to the State
- History and love for Lake Cassidy
- Property lines of land purchased by the County
- Method for restricting access as required by the mediated agreement
- Additional workshops before implementing new access requirements
- Hours of operation for the property
- History of lawsuit with the Fountain of Youth Ranch and terms of the mediated agreement
- September deadline for the County to comply with the mediated terms
- Requesting more property from the private property owners
- Interlocal agreement with Walton County to maintain the lake
- Safety issues and liability to the County

The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Tina Rushing
- Danielle Dubin
- Leslie Fountain
- Marissa Smith
- Jeanette Wertzberger
- Nathan Morrow
- Kimber Morrow
- David Griffin
- Dillion Skinner
- Garrett Valcourt

- Chris Pryor
- Donnie Morris
- Frankie White

The Board agreed by consensus to hold more workshops to discuss the matter further.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman