

November 3, 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: Commissioner Clint Erickson, Commissioner Wilmer Stafford, Commissioner Mitch Johnson, 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 5:01 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following additions were made to the posted agenda:

- Commissioner Item) PRM Security Breach Invoice
- Commissioner Item) Motor Grader Lease Increase
- Commissioner Item) September 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes Correction

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

John Tate, Holmes County Sheriff, advised that the Sheriff's office returned more than \$30,000 in 2024-2025 excess funds to the Board. He requested that \$20,000 of those funds be allocated to the Sheriff's 2025-2026 Litter Control budget to purchase a zero-turn mower and other equipment. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to use \$20,000 of the Sheriff's 2024-2025 excess funds to increase the 2025-2026 General Fund Roll Forward. The funds are to be placed in the Sheriff's Litter Control budget to purchase the needed equipment. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a public hearing to establish the final millage and budget. Chairman Stafford advised that the tentative millage was set at 9.4916 which is 9.94% greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.6336. The millage rate of 9.4916 is the current millage. By adopting the same rate for 2025-26 this generates a small increase in revenue which was needed to balance the General and Transportation Trust Funds. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the millage rate and the effect on their taxes. With no response from the public, County Attorney Nate Nolin read Resolution 25-30 which adopts the final millage rate of 9.4916. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Johnson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #25-30)

Chairman Stafford gave the public an opportunity to discuss changes to the 2025-2026 Final Budget.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that the Road Department's eight motor grader leases will be terminating in 2026. He stated that the graders can be leased for one more year and remain under warranty. Discussion included that the lease termination dates on the graders are from February to April and the expected

3% increase in the lease payments will cost an estimated \$4,500. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to use \$4,500 of the Sheriff's 2024-2025 excess funds to increase the 2025-2026 General Roll Forward. The funds are to be placed in the Road Department's Rents and Leases budget to cover the lease payment increase. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion from the public, Attorney Nolin read Resolution #25-31 adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$33,324,819. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt the resolution with the approved changes. Commissioner Johnson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #25-31)  
(Final Budget)

David Corbin, Project Director, presented a \$9,556.20 invoice from Public Risk Management for the cyber loss claim filed in May 2025. Discussion included that the County has a \$20,000 deductible for cyber claims and that the claim is from the security breach when County employee's information was inadvertently released in a public records request. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to use 2024-2025 Board Contingencies to pay the invoice. Commissioner Johnson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Invoice)

Commissioner Erickson requested a correction in the September 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session minutes. He stated that his motion to use LOGT funds to cover the budget shortfall due to reducing the millage rate to 9.4916 was incorrectly stated. He wants the minutes corrected to reflect the use of General Revenue funds to cover the shortfall with the LOGT funds used to offset the reduced General Revenue funds allocated to Transportation Trust.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Chairman