

April 21, 2026
Regular Session
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Session on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Wade Ellenburg, Commissioner Mitch Johnson, Commissioner Wilmer Stafford, Commissioner Clint Erickson, 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 9:00 a.m. Project Director David Corbin led the prayer and pledge.

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

- Commissioner Item) Malcolm Taylor Road – added
- Agenda Item) Upward Communities – deleted
- Agenda Item) Cork Harris Landing Task Order – added
- County Attorney Item) Development Commission Proposal – added

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

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 7, 2026 Regular Session. Commissioner Ellenburg offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Alvis, a Bonifay Gritney Road property owner, stated that Dewberry Engineer Cliff Knauer addressed his concerns that the design for the Bonifay Gritney Road Phase 2 project did not allow proper water drainage for the newly developed lots on the east end of the road. Mr. Knauer advised that any alteration in the design would require new DEP permits for the project. Mr. Alvis requested assurance that, upon completion of the paving, the Board will correct the water drainage issue on that portion of the Bonifay Gritney Road. The Board agreed to address the issue once the project is completed.

Danny Exum, Tri-County Airport Authority Board, reported that the Tri-County Economic Meeting held at the airport was a successful, well-attended event. He also expressed his appreciation for the public's support during the West Florida Electric Cooperative Board election.

John (Sodie) Braxton, Jr., a private citizen, expressed his appreciation for the placement of the John Braxton Memorial Highway signs on County Road 179A.

Donna Meldon and Michael Brown, Council on Aging Board, discussed the services offered by the Holmes County Council on Aging and the current remodel of the building. Ms. Meldon requested reimbursement of the \$5,019.93 permit fee paid by the contractor on the remodel project. She stated that the reimbursement funds would be placed in the project contingencies to be used for a new freezer. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that Florida statute prohibits waiving the fee, however, the Board could reimburse the amount using County funds.

Discussion included the precedent set for reimbursing permit fees. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to reimburse the Council on Aging permit fees using Board Contingencies. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Brown invited the public to the Council on Aging Senior Expo scheduled for May 8th.

Richard Willsey, a private citizen, expressed his appreciation for the Board's action in supporting the Holmes County Council on Aging. He also encouraged Board representation at public events such as the Tri-County Economic Meeting.

Jane Dellwo, Board Administrative Assistant, presented a proposed Satisfaction of Mortgage for a SHIP lien against Wayne L. Croft and Linda Croft. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for Project Director David Corbin to sign the satisfaction with Commissioner Johnson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Satisfaction of Mortgage)

Jane Dellwo, Board Administrative Assistant, presented a proposed Dewberry Engineers task order in the amount of \$86,050 to design the Cork Harris Landing improvement. Discussion included that the FWC Florida Boating Improvements Program (FBIP) funding is for the design work and further funding will have to be pursued for the construction phase. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving the task order with Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Task Order)

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, presented the following project updates:

- Ag Center's leaking roof and final walk through are still to be addressed
- A match waiver has been requested for the EDA grants for bridge repairs and dam repairs
- The Florida Legislature should reconvene next week to finalize the budget
- The request for appropriations to purchase emergency equipment to be used following a disaster is still pending. Discussion included ensuring that County personnel have the training needed on the equipment.
- The Ag Center rental agreement approved by the Board
- The progress of the EMS building

Jon Sims, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) Safety Engineer will be available to meet and discuss safety concerns on Coursey Road. The Safety Engineer will also visit other blind hills on County Road 2A and 81.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, stated that the earthwork is progressing on the Bonifay Gritney Road Phase 2 paving project. Geo grid will be used to stabilize areas of concern.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, advised that the infrastructure work on the Pilot Travel Center in Ponce de Leon is almost complete. The contractor is working to complete the punch list items. Mr. Mathis stated that

the contractor will be responsible for cleaning the litter and cutting the grass on Joe Manning Road before the project is closed out.

Jake Mathis, Melvin Engineering, will come back to the Board with information on the status of the Northdale Subdivision grant funding to alleviate the flooding issues.

Bowden Howell, Alday Howell Engineering, presented proposed Change Order No. 2 on the County Road 181 Phase 1 and 2 resurfacing projects. He stated that the change order reduced the construction contract by \$198,972.01. Commissioner Johnson offered a motion approving the change order with Commissioner Ellenburg offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Change Order No. 2)

Bowden Howell, Alday Howell Engineering, presented proposed Resolution 26-07 approving the submission of a Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grant application to establish a baseline GIS of Holmes County and develop an interactive GIS web map for public use. No local match is required for the CPTA grant. Mr. Howell read the resolution onto the record. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Ellenburg offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 26-07)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, presented proposed Resolution 26-06 authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement for Holmes County to participate in the Remnant Defendants' Opioid Settlement. Attorney Nolin recommended the Board approve the resolution. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 26-06. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution 26-06)

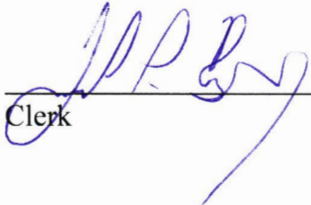
(Exhibit G)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that the Development Commission has proposed a property exchange with the County. The exchange would consist of the County accepting the property that contains the Holmes County Recycling Center and giving ownership of the old Gulf Power building to the Development Commission. The Board agreed by consensus to table this matter until receiving confirmation that the Development Commission approved the property exchange.

Chairman Stafford presented an \$80,000 quote to complete the inspection services on the Spring Valley/Turberville Road bridge replacement. He advised that with the funds available and the \$515,000 construction quote there will be a shortfall of approximately \$353,000 to complete the project. Discussion included that the design was completed using the Walton County donated bridge. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a motion to use \$353,000 of LOGT funds to cover the shortfall on the Spring Valley/Turberville Road bridge replacement project. Commissioner Wade Ellenburg offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the speed limit on Malcolm Taylor Road may need to be lowered due to children playing in the road. He requested that Project Director David Corbin and Holmes County Sheriff John Tate travel the road to see if the change is necessary for public safety. Danielle Dubin, a private citizen, discussed the portion of the road that needs to be assessed.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman