

May 11, 2026
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 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 2:00 p.m. Project Director David Corbin led the prayer and pledge.

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

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, stated that Pat's AC Heating and Electric Contracting Inc. was awarded the contract to install a new air conditioning unit in the Holmes County Library at the May 5th Regular Session. The County received a Notice of Intent to File a Claim from the law firm of Morgan and Morgan regarding a slip and fall on a county road. Michael Patterson, owner of Pat's AC Heating and Electric Contracting Inc, was listed as a claimant on the notice. Mr. Nolin also advised that the business's license and insurance appears to have lapsed. He stated that receiving notice of the potential lawsuit does not prohibit the Board from awarding the contract to Pat's AC Heating and Electric Contracting Inc., but the Board may reject all bids per the procurement policy. Mr. Patterson stated that Pat's AC Heating and Electric Contracting Inc. is fully licensed and insured. Discussion included the process needed to rescind the motion awarding the contract. Becky Marsh, Holmes County Library Director, discussed the excellent quality of work Pat's AC Heating and Electric Contracting Inc. has provided to the Library in the past. No action was taken and the contract stands as awarded.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that the roof on the new Ag Center at the Government Efficiency Center did not leak after the heavy rains received this past weekend. Kalyn Waters, Extension Service Director, discussed finding no visible leaks on the ceiling tiles after checking multiple times over the weekend. She also discussed repairs made to the new air conditioning units. Jon Sims, Dewberry Engineers, advised that the Ag Center building has a one-year warranty but was unsure about the beginning date. Ms. Waters requested permission to request a free inspection from SurfPro to check for moisture in the walls. Commissioner Johnson offered a motion for Ms. Waters to proceed with procuring the free inspection. Commissioner Ellenburg offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion included trying to amend the one-year warranty on the Ag Center roof to two years and that County Attorney Nate Nolin has recused himself from any further action against the contractor. Attorney Nolin advised that alerting the contractor to the known issues should delay the commencement date of the warranty. Mr. Corbin presented a proposal from the law firm of Nabor, Giblin & Nickerson to represent the County going forward in this matter. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to accept the proposal paying the legal fees from the County Attorney line-item budget. Commissioner Ellenburg offered a second. Commissioners Ellenburg, Johnson and Erickson voted yes with Commissioner Wilmer Stafford and Chairman Stafford voting no. The motion passed.

(Proposal)

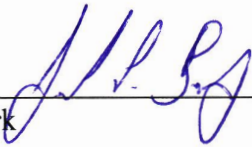
David Corbin, Project Director, presented documentation showing that the 2026 Caterpillar 309 Excavator was purchased under State Contract. Discussion included the pieces of equipment that Thompson CAT has offered to purchase from the County to offset the cost of the excavator. Mr. Corbin advised that a list of surplus equipment that can be taken to auction will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

(Quote Documentation)

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, stated that the State Legislature will convene a Special Session starting tomorrow to work on the budget. He advised that the Holmes County Jail expansion and the purchase of emergency equipment are still under consideration for appropriations. Mr. Parson stated that Governor DeSantis plans a Special Session on the property tax reform in July.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Clerk



Chairman

