

July 7, 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 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 5:00 p.m. Project Director David Corbin led the prayer and pledge.

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

- Agenda Item) Insurance Committee Recommendation on the Health Insurance Proposals

Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to accept the amended agenda with Commissioner Ellenburg offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Corbin, Project Director, stated that the Board previously approved requiring all constitutional officers and department heads to submit a 2026-2027 budget request that is 5% less than their 2025-2026 budget. He presented a proposal that would further reduce the 2026-2027 budget. The savings proposal consisted of the following options:

- Option 1: Eliminating three of the five foremen positions, parking three foremen trucks and shutting down two Road Department yards
- Option 2: Eliminating one Road Maintenance Technician position in each of the five districts
- Option 3: Selling two dump trucks

Discussion included imposing more sales tax and the use of LOGT funds to assist in supporting the Road Department. Kalyn Waters, Extension Service Director, clarified that these cuts are being proposed to help balance the 2026-2027 budget before the pending property tax reform referendum is approved by the voters. Commissioner Ellenburg offered a motion to table this matter until a Special Session scheduled for July 21st at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Proposal)

(Flow Chart)

(Fuel Costs)

Rusty Williams, Holmes County Supervisor of Elections, presented the following recommendations from the Insurance Committee:

- Allow the committee additional time to consider health insurance premiums from two companies before making a final recommendation on insurance broker services
- Start the RFP process in January to eliminate the time constraints
- Give Project Director David Corbin authority to act on the Insurance Committee's final recommendation

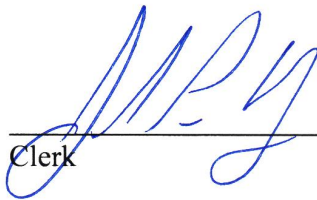
Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving the Committee's recommendations with Commissioner Johnson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Rusty Williams, Holmes County Supervisor of Elections, advised of the timetable to have any tax increase referendums on the November ballot.

Commissioner Ellenburg stated that the Workshop Implementation agenda item will be continued until the July 21st Special Session.

Commissioner Erickson discussed the Road Department consolidation and County restructuring that has been discussed to balance the budget. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to implement a hiring freeze effective immediately due to the possible changes with Commissioner Johnson offering a second. Commissioner Erickson and Johnson voted yes with Commissioner Ellenburg and Chairman Stafford voting no. The motion failed. The Board directed Project Director David Corbin to fill all vacant positions.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman