

June 16, 2026
Workshop
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Workshop on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Wade Ellenburg, Commissioner Wilmer Stafford, 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. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

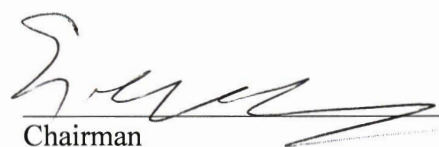
Pastor Michael Tadlock, Crosspoint Church, discussed a proposal to install a Safe Haven Baby Box in the new Holmes County EMS building. The Safe Haven Baby Box allows parents in crisis to surrender a newborn anonymously and safely. Discussion of this matter included the following:

- EMS is a 24-hour staffed county facility
- The Baby Box is climate-controlled, monitored and inspected regularly
- Approximate cost for the installation is \$15,000 to \$17,000
- The Baby Box is pre-built and must be installed by a contractor
- Renewal and maintenance fees are approximately \$600 annually
- Plans to seek donations from churches and individuals throughout the County for the installation and maintenance fees
- Donations and invoices will run through the County
- Baby Box alarm service can run through an existing alarm system
- Safe Haven Baby Box will pick up the box if the long-term lease is terminated, but will not repair the hole where the box is installed

Holmes County Sheriff John Tate stated that the new buildings planned for the Ponce de Leon Fire Station and the Westville Fire Station are two other options for installing the Baby Box. Joe Kelsey, Co-Founder of Safe Haven Baby Box, discussed the program and advised that an agreement must be signed before donations can be pursued. County Attorney Nate Nolin advised that the County's insurance company has no issues with the Baby Box being installed in a county building. The Board agreed by consensus to add the matter as an agenda item to the June 16th Regular Session agenda.

There being no further business at this time, the workshop was recessed at 5:31 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman