

July 21, 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.

Melissa Kabaci, Deputy Clerk, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

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 advised that all the budget requests have been submitted with only a portion of the departments and officers making the requested cut. The Budget Committee presented a proposal for suggested reductions to the 2026-2027 budget requests.

(Proposal)

Commissioner Wilmer Stafford stated that the Holmes County Road Department is not prepared for full consolidation. He proposed the following changes to the Road Department:

- Districts 1, 2 and 4 eliminate one Road Maintenance Tech position each
- Districts 3 and 5 consolidate under one foreman
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- Give the remaining Road Department employees a 3% pay increase
- Reduce the fleet of dump trucks from ten to eight
- Auction off two dump trucks and use the auction proceeds to reduce the loan amount or to bolster the 2026-27 Road Department budget
- Eliminate uniforms leased from Unifirst except for the three Shop employees
- Purchase five shirts each for all other Road Department employees

Commissioner Johnson opposed the consolidation of only Districts 3 and 5. Discussion included having more workshops to work out the details of a full or partial consolidation of the Holmes County Road Department.

Commissioner Ellenburg discussed selling surplus Road Department equipment.

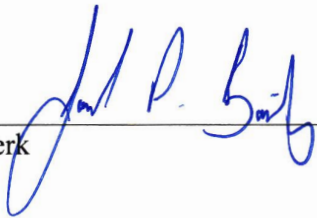
Discussion included the impact of the proposed property tax reform on next year's budget and the significant increase in health insurance costs.

Chairman Stafford discussed eliminating five Road Maintenance Tech positions in the Holmes County Road Department. He supports leaving the emergency reserves in the budget.

The Board agreed by consensus to have two Special Sessions to discuss the 2026-2027 budget prior to each August Regular Session.

David Corbin, Project Director, discussed eliminating the Road Department courtesy of burying dead farm animals to save overtime funds.

There being no further business at this time, the workshop was recessed at 8:57 a.m.

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