

August 19, 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 item was deleted from the posted agenda:

- Commissioner Item) Purchasing Policy

Commissioner Erickson 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 August 4, 2026 Special Session and the August 4, 2026 Regular Session. Commissioner Johnson offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Jane Dellwo, Board Administrative Assistant, presented the Small Quantity Generator Agreement with Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC). She advised that the two-year renewal ensures the ECRC will monitor the proper disposal of chemicals used or generated by local small businesses. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(Agreement)

Jane Dellwo, Board Administrative Assistant, advised that the FRDAP grant program allows the Board to submit applications for multiple projects. The deadline to apply is the end of September and only one project will be awarded. Jon Sims, Dewberry Engineers, advised that including multiple improvements on a project application will increase the score and likelihood of approval. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to submit the Dogwood Lakes Park on Highway 177A with the request to include bathrooms, parking, a well and playground equipment. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Jane Dellwo, Board Administrative Assistant, presented the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) specifying the intended use for the local SHIP funds. She requested approval of Resolution 26-14 approving the LHAP Plan and directing the Chairman to execute any necessary documents. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt Resolution 26-14 with Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(LHAP Plan)
(Resolution 26-14)

Becky Miller, Florida Sheriffs Employee Benefits Trust, reviewed the employee health insurance options available through United Healthcare and Florida Blue that were presented to the Board at the earlier Workshop. Ms. Miller recommended transferring the County's health insurance coverage to United Healthcare. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving Ms. Miller's recommendation and to require a \$25 monthly deduction from the employee on the previously named "free" plan. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed Sheriff John Tate's proposal to impose an EMS Assessment Fee in Lieu of Patient Billing. Upon approval, property owners would be charged an annual EMS assessment that would help fund EMS services and also guarantee the citizen is provided with emergency services at no cost outside the insurance funds collected. The Board directed County Attorney Nate Nolin to present a plan to implement the assessment at the September 1st Special Session.

Tim Parson, Liberty Partners, stated that Representative Shane Abbott is holding a Property Tax Town Hall meeting at City Hall on August 24th. The town hall meeting is being hosted by the City of Bonifay. Mr. Parson advised that Governor DeSantis is scheduled to visit Holmes County tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

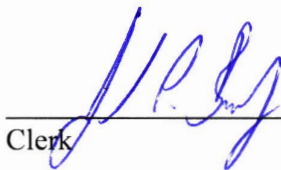
Jon Sims, Dewberry Engineers, presented the following project updates:

- The County Road 185 road improvement grant is ready for close out
- Turberville Road bridge replacement project will be completed within two weeks

David Corbin, Project Director, stated that the Bonifay Gritney Road Phase 2 paving project is scheduled for a final walk through on Friday.

John Feeney, Alday-Howell Engineers, advised that the Notice to Proceed on the Old Mill Road improvement project has been signed and the work will start on September 1st.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.


Clerk


Chairman