

September 1, 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 5:00 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 Wilmer Stafford offered a motion to accept the agenda with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Corbin, Project Director, tendered his letter of resignation effective November 16th. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work for Holmes County.

(Letter)

The Board agreed by consensus to table the EMS Assessment agenda item until the new governor takes office in November.

David Corbin, Project Director, advised that the sale of two dump trucks as previously approved by the Board is not feasible at this time because the bank currently holds the titles. Discussion included paying off the two dump trucks or selling the trucks when the balloon payment is due in three years. Discussion also included whether selling two of the ten dump trucks will jeopardize the buy-back guarantee. The Board directed Mr. Corbin to have the payoff amount and the cost savings for selling the two trucks available for the next meeting.

Chairman Stafford presented a proposed plan to use the following funds to balance the 2026-2027 budget:

- \$250,000 sale proceeds from the District 5 dirt pit
- \$180,000 from funds returned by the constitutional officers
- \$108,473 from Capital Outlay Funds
- \$376,726 from Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) revenue

He stated that these funds would cover the \$900,000 shortfall. Discussion included which departments and constitutional officers participated in the 5% cut requested by the Board.

The budget discussion continued with questions about the \$108,473 computer software request from the Holmes County Tax Collector. Discussion included the following:

- Board's history of funding the Tax Collector's software
- Procurement procedure used to secure the software quote
- Board's statutory requirement to fund the Tax Collector's budget

- Process to appeal the Tax Collector's budget request to the Department of Revenue
- Letter from D & T Ventures stating the Tax Collector's current system is beyond support
- Tax Collectors in other counties secured appropriations for new software
- Tax Collector Harry Bell's failure to attend a budget hearing

The following citizens discussed this matter:

- Taylor Russ
- Nate Nolin, County Attorney
- Richard Willsey
- Garrett Valcourt

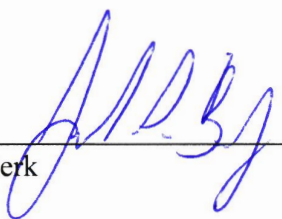
Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to pay for the Holmes County Tax Collector's new software using Capital Outlay Funds as proposed by Chairman Stafford. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

(D & T Ventures Letter)

Further budget discussion included the wisdom of selling the District 5 dirt pit. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion approving Chairman Stafford's proposed plan to balance the 2026-2027 budget excluding the \$250,000 proceeds from the sale of the District 5 dirt pit. Commissioner Wilmer Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule a Special Session for Friday, September 4th at 5:00 p.m. to continue the budget discussion.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman