

**Holmes-Washington County Joint Infrastructure Committee  
Conference Call  
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Ted Everett told members the cost of expansion will be around \$2 million for all utilities. Washington County has already begun to implement the overlay process. They've met with landowners on Highways 77 & 79 and they are receptive to the proposed changes.

Jim Town reported that Highway 77, south of I-10 originally had 9% zoned commercial. When the land use changes have been made, it will increase to at least 74% commercial. Highway 79 and Douglas Ferry was 8% and now 18% is commercial. The official approval process for changes will commence in January with the planning commission. They plan to have neighborhood information meetings, public hearings, adoption and then to Tallahassee for approval. Once the land use changes are implemented there will be 73 acres zoned commercial for in the immediate of Douglas Ferry and Highway 79.

Everett stressed that it is important that both Holmes and Washington Counties are working together and moving along at the same pace in the process. The intention is to have had all the utilities done when the end user comes along.

Roger Brooks said that the City of Bonifay has incorporated the area. He was unsure if it went all the way to the county line but would let the group know.

Ted Everett noted that the group has not yet decided on the type of authority. Jim Town will be able to guide the group on the various types of authority and which would be most suitable for their purposes. The group will need to have a resolution or MOU done by the end of February that the three government entities will remain in the project. Wendell Whitehurst and Roger Brooks both said they did not foresee any problems with that.

With no further comments or business; the meeting was adjourned.

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