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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
APRIL 17, 2003 7:30 P.M.

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met April 17, 2003, for their regular scheduled meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Cooper, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Terry Brown, Mark Crawford, Wilson Whidden, Capt. Pearson, Percy Sullivan, David Dinkins, Herschel Waldron, Ernest Triest, Angela Macey and Bill Dampier.

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Cooper led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

(A copy of all documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 04-17-03.)

ZONING MATTERS—WILSON WHIDDEN:

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, APPLICATION #LDR 02-1, FILED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Whidden said that this is the second reading on this ordinance. The Zoning Board is recommending denial of the application.

Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing. The following people spoke in opposition to the ordinance as presented: Dr. Jim Pennington, Tommy Tatum and Tom Tatum.

Chairman Cooper closed the public hearing.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Zoning Board to deny Application No. LDR 02-1. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Cooper said that this is an area the Commission needs to look into. There is a place in the County for mini-farms and horses in residential areas; however, he agrees that this is probably not the appropriate language to adopt as a Board.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP, APPLICATION #S 03-219A, FILED BY HICKOX:

Mr. Whidden delineated the property in question and stated that the Zoning Board recommends approval of the application.

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Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing.

The applicant, Mr. Maxie Hickox, approached the Commission to present his reasons for applying for the land use change.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Cooper closed the public hearing.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to adopt the ordinance, upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Board to approve Application #S 03-219A. **Comm. Johnson SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Ordinance was assigned No. 03-04.)

- C. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP, APPLICATION NO. S 03-310A, FILED BY ALDERMAN**
- D. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS, APPLICATION NO. Z -3-1, FILED BY ALDERMAN**

Mr. Whidden delineated the property in question and stated that the Zoning Board is recommending denial of both the Land Use and the Rezoning.

Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing.

The Applicant, Mr. Rom Alderman, approached the Commission to present his plans for use of the property. Mr. Alderman distributed literature and gave a video presentation.

The following people spoke in opposition to the application: Tom Smith, Jim Crawford, William Bryan and Al Stefanelli.

Chairman Cooper closed the public hearing.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to uphold the recommendation of the Zoning Board to deny both Application Nos. S 03-310A and Z 03-1. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-1**, with Commissioner Johnson dissenting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Rom Alderman rebutted the decision of the Commission on the prior issue. He will be coming back before the Commission next year.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS CIVILITY MONTH**
- B. APPROVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS ELDER LAW MONTH**
- C. APPROVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 1, 2003 AS LAW DAY 2003**
- D. APPROVE MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF 03/03/03**

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There being no items removed from the Consent Agenda, **Comm. Johnson MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE BID RECOMMENDATION FOR HOT WATER SYSTEM—

COMM. JOHNSON/ERNEST TRIEST: Mr. Triest reported that two bids were received. The low bid was \$31,700.00, submitted by Quality Plumbing of Gainesville. The second bid was \$44,735.00, submitted by Triple S Plumbing. It is the recommendation of the committee to award the bid to Quality Plumbing, and not to require a performance payment bond. This will be a one-payment job, when the job is complete, payment is made.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to award the bid to Quality Plumbing of Gainesville in the amount of \$31,700.00. **Comm. Johnson SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE BID RECOMMENDATION FOR ASPHALT WORK ON CR200A—

COMM. MANN: Commissioner Mann said that there was no response to the RFP. Ellington Construction was contacted and they have committed to honor the price quoted in February of \$10,662.42.

Comm. Mann MOVED to award a contract to Ellington Construction for \$5.97 per sq. yd., a total estimate of \$10,662.42. **Comm. Johnson SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITIES

LIST—COMM. MANN: **Comm. Johnson MOVED** to approve the priorities list as submitted. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT—COMM. MANN: Commissioner Mann explained some of the problems and deficiencies he has discovered while working in the Road Department, and then reviewed his reorganization proposal that he feels will correct the problems and make the department more efficient.

This spurred extensive discussion. There was consensus to set this issue, together with any and all departments and their organizational structures, for a workshop. The workshop was set for May 5, following the regular meeting.

Commissioner Thomas said that in the meantime, the Road Department is to function as is. This spurred discussion concerning the role and duties of a 'liaison' commissioner.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR HIRING OF TEMPORARY MOSQUITO CONTROL

SPRAYER—COMM. MANN: Commissioner Mann said that for the past several years, Mosquito Control has used Road Department employees to spray throughout the County, at the rate of between 400 and \$600.00 per week in overtime. He has placed one of the Road Department employees on a split shift, working four seven-hour days and three four-hour days, to give him his full 40 hours. He will be spraying three nights, four hours a night. This will cut the overtime.

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Commissioner Mann requested permission to advertise for a Sprayer, which would be a temporary employee working 25-hours per week at \$7.00 per hour. This will eliminate the overtime and get the Road Department employee back on the road.

Extensive discussion ensued. Topics of the discussion included licenses and qualifications for sprayers and directors, state funding and hiring a private contractor to handle mosquito control.

David Dinkins addressed the Commission and expressed his concerns and point of view regarding mosquito control.

At the conclusion of the discussion, there was consensus for David Dinkins, Clayton Sellers, Tom Loyless, Commissioner Mann and Clerk Norman to meet to discuss mosquito control and report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL—TERRY BROWN: Mr. Brown reviewed the amendments being considered.

Comm. Johnson MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Cooper read the title of the resolution into the record:

“A RESOLUTION BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE A SECTION EXPLAINING WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND POLICY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** (The Resolution was assigned No. 03-06.)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE EEOP—TERRY BROWN: Mr. Brown stated that he is not prepared to report on this item and asked that it be passed to the next agenda.

Mr. Brown said that he has distributed copies of information regarding municipal service benefit units (MSBU). It is his understanding, from a previous workshop, that this may be a direction that the Commission may wish to consider in terms of developing an avenue by which the County can begin accepting private dirt roads and a means to fund the maintenance. This is a widespread procedure that has been utilized in Putnam County over the past four to five years, and very successfully.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: **Comm. Thomas MOVED** to pay the bills as reviewed. **Comm. Johnson SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. PERMISSION TO CREATE AND ADVERTISE PART-TIME GRANT WRITER—CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Chairman Cooper said that he has distributed information regarding a grant writer position. The idea is to create a part-time (3 days per week), temporary (through the fiscal year end 2004), grant writer position. The grant writer would be responsible to actively pursue grants for the County and to coordinate the various grants that are already in place. The express intention would be for this program to become self-funded within a very short time period. By fiscal year end 2004, it is not self-funded or is not as efficient as hoped, the position ends. To fund the program for the remainder of this year and for next year, he proposes using the monies that the County is to receive from the Solid Waste Association.

Chairman Cooper asked that the Commission create the position and authorize the advertisement of the position.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to create the position as a part-time, temporary position and to authorize the advertisement and begin accepting applications. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** the motion.

Following discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 4-1**, with Commissioner Thomas dissenting.

Mr. Farrell pointed out that even though this position is temporary, if it goes beyond six months, retirement benefits must be paid. Chairman Cooper said that the budget he proposed includes those line items.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS: None.

CLERK REPORTS: None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

--Chairman Cooper said that as discussed in a previous workshop, the diesel boiler system for the courthouse is in need of repair. As part of the courthouse renovations, Mr. Triest was instructed to procure estimates on design and construction of a new system.

Mr. Triest distributed a proposal provided by Moses & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$14,100.00 for engineering services for the design of mechanical systems to replace the heating boiler and HVAC controls for the courthouse.

Mr. Triest said that the estimated cost to perform the work designed by M&A is \$153,500.

After discussion, **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to employ Moses & Associates, Inc. to design the system for \$14,100.00, and let it out for bid once the design documents are complete. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

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--Chairman Cooper said that last year the City of Starke and the County joined forces and re-instituted the Fourth of July festivities. The City of Starke voted Tuesday night to do so again this year. He asked the Commission to agree to pay one-half of the \$5,000.00 that the fireworks vender has proposed.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to pay \$2,500.00 for one-half of the cost of the fireworks for the Fourth of July festivities. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Asked Ms. Macey to present the recommendation for the filling of the part-time position to be shared between Ms. Macey and Mr. Wise.

Ms. Macey said that the position was approved, advertised and interviews have been conducted. The person being recommended for the position is Foncie Carver. The start date would be April 30, the rate of pay is \$6.50 per hour, and would be approximately 24 hours per week.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to hire Foncie Carver to fill the position as outlined by Ms. Macey. **Comm. Johnson SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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Clerk Norman reported that he has just been handed a check from the New River Solid Waste Association for Bradford County's portion for \$160,000.00 that will go into the General Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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JOHN S. COOPER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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