

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 2003 7:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met May 15, 2003, for their regular meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Cooper, Commissioner Hersey, Clerk Norman, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Sheriff Milner, Mark Crawford, Wilson Whidden, Jerome Kelley, Percy Sullivan, Bill Dampier and Nelson Green.

(A copy of documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 05-15-03.)

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Pastor Randall Griffis led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ZONING MATTERS—WILSON WHIDDEN:**

**A. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM PUBLIC TO COMMERCIAL WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, APPLICATION NO. R030324A, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Mr. Whidden explained the location of the property. The Zoning Board voted 3/0 to recommend approval of the application.

Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing. There being no response from the public, the public hearing was closed.

**B. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM PUBLIC TO COMMERCIAL WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, APPLICATION NO. R 030324B, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Mr. Whidden said that the Zoning Board voted 3/0 to recommend approval of the application.

Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing. There being no response from the public, the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mr. Robert Nason of 7055 N.W. 180<sup>th</sup> Street, and Mark Griffith of 6775 N.W. 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Starke, both commented on the following:**

--The poor and dangerous condition of N.W. 180<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Nason presented some pictures to assist with his description.

Chairman Cooper said that he would ask the Road Department Superintendent to look at the road and report to the Commission.

Commissioner Thomas said that N.W. 180<sup>th</sup> Street is on the priority list to be paved.

**Rev. Joe Murphy of 3900 S.E. SR100, Starke, commenting on the following:**

--The need for School Zone Signs and a 15mph speed limit sign on S.E. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, for the benefit of the children attending Hope Christian Academy.

Chairman Cooper said that the request would be considered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND**
- B. APPROVE INVENTORY DELETION LIST**
- C. APPROVE MINUTES FROM REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2003**
- D. APPROVE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

There being no items removed, **Comm. Thomas MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda in its entirety. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE BID RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING CR216 & CR200B—**

**COMM. MANN/JEROME KELLEY:** Mr. Kelley said that three bids were received, and of the three bids, Anderson Columbia submitted the low bid in the total amount of \$489,286.20. The bid on each road is about 3 to \$4,000.00 in excess of the state's reimbursement amount. Mr. Kelley recommended awarding the bid to Anderson Columbia with the understanding that the level tonnage be reduced to bring it back within budget.

Discussion ensued, which included re-bidding the project, the City of Lawtey sewer project and S.C.R.A.P. funding availability.

There was Board consensus to delay the bid award until the next meeting (06-02-03) to allow time to insure the availability of the S.C.R.A.P. funding from the state.

**APPROVE BYRNE GRANT ALLOCATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2003—**

**CHAIRMAN COOPER/JIM CRAWFORD:** Sheriff Milner explained the allocation breakdown between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Starke.

**Comm. Thomas MOVED** to approve the grant allocation as presented by Sheriff Milner. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONTRACT ON CULVERTS—**

**COMM. MANN:** Commissioner Mann said that for several years when culverts are purchased for the Road Department, three phone proposals are solicited. He would like to let a bid for a yearly contract so there is never a question concerning the pricing.

**Comm. Mann MOVED** to advertise for bid a one-year contract for the supply of culverts to the County. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR CALL FOR BIDS ON ASPHALT FOR**

**LAWTEY CEMETERY ROAD PAVING PROJECT—COMM. MANN:** Commissioner Mann said that he was going to request the Commission to let a bid for the asphalt, however, according to Mr. Kelley, Anderson Columbia's asphalt prices are about \$14.00 per ton cheaper than anyone else. Maybe it would be possible to piggyback off one of the other contracts.

Following discussion, **Comm. Mann MOVED** to advertise for bids for surface course on Lawtey Cemetery Road. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF GRANT/COUNTY FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR HEILBRONN SPRINGS/NEW RIVER VFD—**

**COMM. HERSEY/NELSON GREEN:** **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to approve the expenditure of the County match of \$5,055.52, for the purchase of the equipment. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Mr. Green reported that they have re-applied for a grant for Theresa.

**CONSIDER TO CHANGE LAND USE PLAN FOR FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST**

**GRANT AT SANTA FE LAKE AREA—COMM. HERSEY/JILL MCGUIRE:** Commissioner Hersey said that Santa Fe Lake Trust and Santa Fe Dwellers Association are working together to conserve 85 acres on Santa Fe Lake. They need this Commissions' support for the project to be successful. Commissioner Hersey asked Mr. Dan Smith, President of Santa Fe Land Trust, to address the Board.

Mr. Smith gave history of Santa Fe Land Trust and explained the goals of the project and the process that is required to accomplish the goal. (Supplement File No. 05-15-03 contains a letter outlining what Mr. Smith presented.)

They have been working on the Florida Communities Trust land acquisition grant application, which is due June 10, 2003. The Department of Community Affairs, which runs the Florida Communities Trust

program, uses this is an opportunity for local governments to update, make minor revisions to their local Comprehensive Plans. The grant process is point motivated and there are a significant number of points that are associated with the Comp. Plan revisions. He and Scott Koons have been working together and have made some minor suggested revisions to the Comp. Plan, which will require public hearings later in the year.

What is needed today is for this Board to take action to direct staff to review the suggested revisions and to join the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association and the Santa Fe Land Trust as a co-applicant in the FCT Application. This requires no financial obligation or impact on the County.

The following people spoke in favor of the conservation project and solicited the Commissions' support: Jill McGuire, Tom Ward, Helen Delate, James E. Pennington and Alison Blakeslee.

After some discussion, which included the impact on the tax roll, **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to direct staff to review and make a recommendation to the Board concerning proposed amendments to the Comp. Plan. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

After additional discussion, **Comm. Hersey MOVED** that after staff review and approval, to consider being a co-applicant with Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association and Santa Fe Land Trust on the FCT grant application. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Chairman Cooper said that he has reviewed the bills and recommends them for payment. **Comm. Thomas MOVED** to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS—**

**A. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT—COMM. HERSEY/NELSON GREEN:**

Pursuant to consensus from a prior workshop, **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to approve the Organizational Chart as presented for the Emergency Services Department, which upgrades two (2) paramedic positions to lieutenant positions. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion.

Following discussion regarding the raises that will be included in the position upgrade, the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**. Mr. Green said that he would present the individuals who will be filling the positions at the next meeting.

**B. APPROVE HIRING OF ON-CALL EMT's ASHLEY ANDREWS, HARVEY "TIM" MCCARTHY, RYAN LOWERY AND TIMOTHY YOUNG—COMM. HERSEY/NELSON GREEN:** **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to hire the following individuals as on-call EMT's: Ashely Andrews, Harvey "Tim" McCarthy, Ryan Lowery, Timothy Young. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

**C. APPROVE TO ADVERTISE FOR HIRING OF 9-1-1 DATABASE/MAPPING TECHNICIAN—COMM. HERSEY/NELSON GREEN:** Commissioner Hersey requested that this item be tabled.

**D. DISCUSS AND APPROVE EEOP—TERRY BROWN:** Chairman Cooper said that Mr. Brown is serving the Governor by representing a death row inmate on a competency issue. The plan is ready for Board consideration and will be addressed at the next meeting.

**CLERK REPORTS:** Clerk Norman said that staff has met with the Department Heads concerning Fiscal Year 2003-2004 budget. They were given a time frame to prepare their budgets, as well as to get with their liaison commissioner.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:**

--Announced that a workshop has been scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m., with Tony Arrant to discuss the liaison commissioner concept and pay plans.

--One of the dates for the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Counties, June 19, is also a regular scheduled meeting for this Commission. The meeting can be canceled, as long as there are no scheduled zoning issues. A decision can be made at the next meeting.

**AGENDA  
ADDENDUM**

**APPROVE SALE OF BRONSON CABLEVISION SYSTEM TO CABLE DIVERSIFIED INSTALLATIONS, INC.—CHAIRMAN COOPER/THOMAS HULETT:** Mr. Tom Hulett with Bronson Cablevision and Michael McCoy with Cable Diversified Installations approached the Commission. Mr. Hulett requested the Board's permission to sell Bronson Cablevision to Cable Diversified.

Mr. McCoy said that Cable Diversified is well experienced in constructing and managing cable systems and is financially sound. They plan to upgrade and spend a considerable amount of money in the purchase and in the upgrade of the system. They have an office in Jacksonville, however, they plan to have someone locally for service and maintenance.

Following some discussion, **Comm. Mann MOVED** to authorize the transfer of Bronson Cablevision System to Cable Diversified Installations, Inc. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**APPROVE CONTRACT ON DIRT BETWEEN RAYONIER AND BRADFORD COUNTY—**

**COMM. MANN:** Commissioner Mann said that Rayonier requires a contract before the sale of any dirt for use on Lawtey Cemetery Road. The contract limit is \$17,500.00, however, it should not take that much since some dirt has already been hauled from other areas.

**Comm. Mann MOVED** to authorize the execution of a contract with Rayonier. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion for discussion purposes.

Commissioner Thomas said that he visited one site where dirt is being hauled from and in about six hours they got 41 loads of dirt that was less than ¼ of a mile away from the Cemetery Road project. He has no problem with approving the contract as long as the County continues to get as much of this dirt as possible.

This spurred discussion concerning digging ponds on private property for the dirt versus a contract with Rayonier to purchase dirt. Commissioner Mann said that the County should be very cautious regarding digging ponds on private property.

Chairman Cooper said that his personal opinion is that the County should not be digging ponds on private property. However, if the County chooses to do so, it should be done on a case-by-case basis, and the terms need to be put in contract form and brought to the Commission for formal approval before any work is done.

Following additional discussion, **Comm. Thomas WITHDREW** his **SECOND**.

**Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:**

--Inquired as to appropriate action the Commission needs to take on the earlier request for the speed limit and school zone signs for Hope Christian Academy.

Sheriff Milner said that the Traffic Safety Team would be glad to investigate and report back to the Commission at the June 2 meeting.

--Received a letter from Mr. Neesmith at Hampton Lake expressing the communities' appreciation for the clean up work done after the bad storm.

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Mr. Dampier reported that due to lack of rain, there may be a need to initiate a burn ban prior to the June 2 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 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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**Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk**