

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2004 9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met January 5, 2004, to conduct their Regular Scheduled Meeting. Attending the meeting were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Cooper, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Terry Brown, Mark Crawford, David Dinkins, Sheriff Milner, Herschel Waldron, Nelson Green, Nathaniel Hines, Ernest Triest, Officer Gill, Bill Dampier and Percy Sullivan.

(A copy of all documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 01-05-04.)

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Cooper led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2003**
- B. APPROVE HOME REPAIR LOAN FOR RUSSELL RAY THOMAS THROUGH SHIP PROGRAM**

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

STATUS REPORT OF COURTHOUSE EXPANSION—ERNEST TRIEST:

- A. APPROVE SECOND PAY REQUEST FOR BOILER REPLACEMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$10,665.00:**

--Reported that work on construction is extremely slow.

--The boiler is in place and up and going. There is a malfunction on controls and the manufacturer has been notified. The manufacturer has not been paid yet.

--Recommended approval of the pay request for \$10,665.00 to Envirotemp, Inc., which is for piping, pumps and so forth that have been installed.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to approve pay request #2 in the amount of \$10,665.00. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

RESOLUTIONS:

- A. APPROVE EMS COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,557.09 AND RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT MONEYS FROM THE EMS COUNTY GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY’S PRE-HOSPITAL EMS SYSTEM AND THAT THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING COUNTY EMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—COMM. HERSEY/NELSON GREEN:**

Mr. Green presented the grant application for approval. Most of the funds will be used to purchase an electronic run report system and training. There is no County match.

Mr. Green read the title of the resolution into the record:

“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CERTIFY THAT THE MONEYS FROM THE EMS COUNTY GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY’S PRE-HOSPITAL EMS SYSTEM AND THAT THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING COUNTY6 EMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.”

Comm. Thomas MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-01.)

Comm. Cooper MOVED to approve the grant application as presented. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING DONATION OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT HARMONY PROGRAM THROUGH THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES—COMM. HERSEY/JIM GILL: Officer Gill gave a summary of the programs’ activities and progress.

There have always been sufficient funds for the program up until this year when all of their funding sources dried up. The two weeks for 40 boys and 40 girls at the Project Harmony Leadership Camp cost \$14,000.00. After asking the Ranch for help, they have agreed to take Bradford County’s youth for \$10,000.00. He has received \$5,000.00 from the School Board. Officer Gill requested that the Commission commit \$5,000.00 to keep the program going. He is not sure if this is a one-time request, because he does not know whether they will get any more prevention money. Mr. Gill invited the Commissioners to visit the program so they can see what is being done.

Commissioner Cooper said that his son attended Project Harmony last year and it is a tremendous camp. He has seen his son use some of the skills he learned at the camp in their own neighborhood. **Comm. Cooper MOVED** to authorize the payment of \$5,000.00 as requested. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

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Chairman Johnson inquired as to where the funds are coming from. Commissioner Cooper said that it would need to come from the Board's portion of the budget. If there is anticipation that these funds will be needed again next year, it should be included in the budget process.

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

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CORNER CAPSULE—COMM. COOPER: Commissioner Cooper said that the capsule has not yet been opened, but they anticipate re-planting it as part of the "Praise the Lord We're Finished" party to be held at the completion of the construction project. He asked each Board member to think about any items that they would like included in the capsule and get that information to Clerk Norman prior to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING POTENTIAL BURN BAN FOR BRADFORD COUNTY—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON/BILL DAMPIER: Mr. Dampier reported that the KDBI Index has been steadily on the rise and the amount of rainfall has been decreasing. It is not critical yet, but could become so in three to five days, if winds pick up and there is no rain ahead of the upcoming cold snap.

Mr. Dinkins said that public safety should always come first, but he asked the Commission to consider the local farmers. Pasture and hay land represents about 20,000 acres in the County and is very important economically. Problem insects like thick grass and the only option farmers have to control them is to burn their pastures. Mr. Dinkins requested that the farmers be notified prior to the declaration of a burn ban to allow them time to get their burn permits and get their pastures burned. He will do whatever he can to help notify the farmers.

Following discussion, Chairman Johnson recommended putting everyone on notice that there is a potential for a burn ban and to have Mr. Dinkins notify the farmers. If necessary, an emergency meeting can be called to declare a burn ban.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Comm. Mann MOVED to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

A. APPROVE HIRING, RATE OF PAY AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PAULETTE TOMLINSON, NEW COUNTY EXTENSION LIVESTOCK AGENT—COMM. JOHNSON/DAVID DINKINS:

Mr. Dinkins said that the position being filled by Paulette Tomlinson would be replacing the Family Consumer Science position that was held by Angela Macey. They are going to shift responsibilities in the office, based on Advisory Committee and University recommendations.

Ms. Tomlinson can begin work in Bradford County on January 14, 2004. Her medical screen is complete. The amount budgeted for this position is \$18,885.80. Ms. Tomlinson's salary will not be any more than that, but she has requested that the University do a salary equity adjustment.

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He is not sure at this time what the County's portion of her salary will be, but it will not exceed what is budgeted.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to approve the hire of Paulette Tomlinson as Extension Agent, effective January 14, 2004, and the County's portion of the salary not to exceed \$18,885.80. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

B. APPROVE HIRING, RATE OF PAY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND END DATE FOR RICHARD KIMBRELL AND WILLIAM WISHAM AS OPS POSITIONS FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT—COMM. MANN:

Commissioner Mann asked Clerk Norman if all required documentation has been received for the applicants. Clerk Norman said that the drug tests are in but not the physicals.

Chairman Johnson said that this item is to be postponed until all documentation is received.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS: None.

CLERK REPORTS: None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

A. APPROVE LIAISON COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS: Chairman Johnson said that he did make one change to the liaison assignments, and that change is in the Road Department. He is recommending splitting up the Road Department into two parts; (1) New Road Construction--Commissioner Mann; and (2) Road Maintenance—Commissioner Cooper. They will have to work together to get the work done. If this poses problems, it can be changed back.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to approve the liaison assignments as presented. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

- B. DISCUSSION CONCERNING SETTING ZONING WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME**
- C. DISCUSSION CONCERNING SETTING PERSONNEL POLICIES WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME**
- D. DISCUSSION CONCERNING SETTING HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER POLICY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES' WORKSHOP**
- E. DISCUSSION CONCERNING SETTING AIRPORT AUTHORITY WORKSHOP**

Chairman Johnson suggested handling all of the issues at one time in one workshop.

After discussion, a workshop to discuss the listed items was scheduled for February 2, 2004, following the Regular Meeting; the location is to be announced.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Reported that Donny Wise will be out for a couple of weeks. If any problems arise with Solid Waste during that time, call Lisa Hall and she will in turn get in touch with him and he will handle it.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--Reported that an EMS rescue unit was involved in an accident and the vehicle was totaled.

--Addressed the 160 hours required training for volunteer fire personnel. Still do not have a definite date as to when the training has to be completed. Although there is a possibility of some in-house training, St. Augustine College can provide the training for \$639.00 per person, which is about \$15,975.00. That much money is not in the budget. He hopes to have more firm data ready for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cooper wished everyone a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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HERMAN JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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