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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2004 7:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met January 15, 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, Phalbe Henriksen, June Neats, Sheriff Milner, Mark Crawford, Bill Dampier and Percy Sullivan.

(A copy of all documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 01-15-04.)

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mann led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ZONING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Dean Traylor commented on the following:

--Proposed site for National Cemetery in North Florida.

Commissioner Cooper said that he is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Stearns inviting him to a meeting next week that he plans to attend that will explain the process. He requested Board approval for a letter to Congressman Stearns expressing Bradford County's interest in being considered as a site for the cemetery. Although a specific site has not been identified, Bradford County needs to get its name in the pot. After the meeting, he will advise the Board if there is any other action necessary.

Commissioner Thomas said that he spoke with Congressman Stearn's Office and they assured him that a site has not been chosen yet.

Mr. Bill Dampier expressed his support of the cemetery and presented statistics to show why the near surrounding regions should be considered for a site.

Chairman Johnson said that a letter would be drafted to Congressman Stearns.

Mr. Paul Still commented on the following:

--Potential financial problems facing the New River Solid Waste Association, which could have a very serious impact on Bradford County residents and businesses.

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Chairman Johnson said that two Commissioners serve on the New River Solid Waste Association Board and they can keep the Board apprised.

Commissioner Thomas said that there would probably be an article in the newspaper next week expressing assurance that the Association is financially sound.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2003**
- B. APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF E.W. HODGES, JR. TO THE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. BOARD**

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

SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE FOR DOLENA HANKERSON—

COMM. COOPER/DUDLEY HARDY: Mr. Hardy said that at a previous meeting, the Commission agreed to execute a satisfaction of mortgage for payment of \$1,500.00 for a second mortgage held by Bradford County for a SHIP home. He explained that due to an error by his company, Bradford County was not joined as a defendant in the foreclosure procedures. The foreclosure was completed but the second mortgage held by Bradford County is still there. Under the law, he is limited to a liability of \$1,000.00, which is out of pocket. His second option would be to reopen the foreclosure suit and join Bradford County as a defendant, which means the County would get nothing.

Mr. Hardy offered \$250.00 in exchange for the satisfaction of mortgage.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to accept the \$250.00 as proposed. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

APPROVE BID RECOMMENDATION FOR ASPHALTIC CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE FOR LINCOLN CITY ROADS—COMM. COOPER/JEROME KELLEY: Commissioner Mann said that the only bid submitted was by Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$73,839.00.

Comm. Mann MOVED to accept the bid submitted by Anderson Columbia. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** the motion for discussion purposes.

Commissioner Cooper said that he always has a concern when there is only one bidder on a project, however Mr. Eberlin has informed him that the price that came in is less than what he or Mr. Waldron had projected.

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

DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING TRAINING—COMM. HERSEY: This item was deferred to the February 2, 2004 workshop.

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APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Chairman Johnson said that he reviewed the bills and recommends them for payment. **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

AGENDA ADDENDUM

FINALIZE AND AMEND THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003—

SHERIFF MILNER: Sheriff Milner explained that the auditor completed the end of year adjustments on Friday, and these amendments are a result of those adjustments. The amendment for Law Enforcement is \$147,629.56 and the amendment for the Jail is \$150,619.29. These are accounted for predominantly by the inmate revenue that the Board allowed him to keep, and the \$125,000.00 budget amendment approved in August. A check for \$5,509.15 has been presented to the Clerk for the remaining money.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to approve the budget amendments as presented. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Chairman Johnson asked Sheriff Milner to report on the Newell request.

Sheriff Milner said that at a previous meeting, Mr. Newell of the Pleasant Grove area approached the Board and requested that the speed limit on CR229 be reduced at the intersection of N.W. 177th, commonly known as Pleasant Grove Road. Mr. Newell and his family live there and have opened a day care center and they also have intentions of opening a church.

He, along with Major Johnson and Mr. Green, evaluated the area and it is their recommendation that it is not advisable to reduce the speed limit. It is currently 45mph for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile through this area, and it is very difficult to enforce it as it is. This is not a major safety issue at this time and the 45mph is proper and adequate.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

Commissioner Cooper said that these are the two employees for the Road Department that were previously tabled because all the necessary documentation had not been received by the Clerk's Office.

Clerk Norman advised that all documentation has now been received.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to hire Richard Kimbrell and William Wisham for the two OPS positions in the Road Department, at \$8.00 per hour, to begin January 22, 2004. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion.

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Clerk Norman asked for clarification regarding the duration of employment. Commissioner Cooper said that the monies are only budgeted for a year at a time. If no OPS positions are budgeted for next fiscal year, the positions will end.

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

B. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR A FULL-TIME LIBRARIAN POSITION—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON/PHALBE HENRIKSEN:

Ms. Henriksen said that the Library is in extreme need of an additional full-time librarian. She feels that the funding can be made out of the current budget. They have over \$100,000.00 saved up and this is the last year that the State Aid Enrichment funds will be cut in half, which means that the \$90,000.00 in this year's budget should be about \$180,000.00 next year.

The salary would be \$8.00 per hour to be increased to \$8.50 upon successful completion of the six-month probationary period.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to approve to advertise for a full-time Librarian position as presented, with the following stipulation: That the successful applicant be advised that should funding become a problem, that the position will be eliminated. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

C. REQUEST PERMISSION TO MOVE THE 10-HOUR LIBRARY POSITION TO 20 HOURS—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON/PHALBE HENRIKSEN

Ms. Henriksen said that there is a need to increase the existing 10-hour library position to a 20-hour position, at the same rate of pay. Funding for the position is available for the same reasons as mentioned above. **Comm. Thomas MOVED** to increase the 10-hour position to 20 hours, as requested. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS: None.

CLERK REPORTS: None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Chairman Johnson commented on the following:

--It has been recommended that a Commissioner be appointed to serve on the MSBU Committee, which currently consists of the following: Clerk Norman, Lisa Hall, Jimmy Alvarez, Teila Pearson, and John Broling with Terry Brown's Office.

Commissioner Hersey volunteered to serve.

--A couple of cable companies have sent letters requesting an opportunity to address the Board to discuss renewal of their franchise agreements. They have been advised that they will be required to meet with him and Clerk Norman prior to addressing the full Board.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--The CR229 collection site is full and even after packing and pushing the brush, there is no more room available. Through help with the County Attorney, the timber company that owns the property surrounding the site has been contacted and they have tentatively agreed to sell the County some property to enlarge the site. If it is not enlarged it will have to be closed. He requested permission to negotiate the purchase of about five acres.

After brief discussion, there was consensus to more forward with negotiations.

--Tri-County Landfill has a dozer that will be replaced. The tri-counties will be given an option to bid on the dozer. It is a D-6 with an enclosed air-conditioned cab. Although cosmetically it is not in that great of shape, it is in good mechanical shape. The dozer can be used to push at the collection sites and can also be used in other departments, especially in the Road Department. He would like direction from the Board as to whether a bid should be submitted on behalf of Bradford County.

Commissioner Cooper said that he would like Mr. Waldron and Mr. Wise to look at it and make sure it is something that will be useful. Maybe between the Road Department and Solid Waste budgets, the funds can be found to bid on it. Commissioner Mann said that Ringpower could provide an appraisal. Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Thomas said that Ringpower has estimated the value at about \$53,680.00.

There was consensus to submit a reasonable bid.

--Some work needs to be done at the closed landfill. Commissioner Cooper said that he has spoken with Mr. Wise and he is working on it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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HERMAN JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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