

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006  
WORKSHOP – EMS GRANT APPLICATION PRIORITIES – 5:30 P.M.  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – 6:30 P.M.**

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**WORKSHOP – EMS GRANT APPLICATION PRIORITIES**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss EMS Grant Application priorities.

Present were: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Chandler.

Also present were: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press.

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(See Supplement File No. 02-16-06 for a copy of all documentation presented at this workshop.)

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hersey called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. Green gave a [Power Point presentation](#), which was not limited to but included stats for the Emergency Services Department for fiscal year 2004-2005, response times for various units and areas, five-year work plan that began in 2003, and the grant programs.

The Competitive Grant Program is a 75/25 match. Bradford County received \$90,000.00 during the last grant cycle, which was used to purchase a new unit. The Rural EMS Grant Program is a 90/10 match. Both of these applications are due March 31, 2006.

Mr. Green presented his recommendations for this grant cycle:

--Apply for the Rural EMS grant to re-chassis one of the older units. The approximate cost is \$90,000, with the County's portion being 10%.

(Alternative recommendation):

--Apply for the Competitive grant to purchase and staff an additional unit. The cost would be \$535,929.99, with the County's match being approximately \$143,000.00 for the first year, \$391,000.00 for the second year, \$411,000.00 for the third year, assuming a 5% increase. There would be a very minimal increase in revenue due to placing a new unit into service within a particular area.

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This spurred discussion.

Commissioner Cooper recommended applying for the Rural EMS grant this year to re-chassis a unit. In reviewing the call volume, adding another unit in the future is inevitable.

Chairman Hersey concurred with Cooper. The County must prepare for growth.

Mr. Green said that he would have the grant application ready for mid-month meeting in March.

Mr. Green announced that Bradford County Emergency Services received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State for their response to Union County during the recent school bus incident.

Commissioner Lewis asked if impact fees could be used to defray the costs associated with Emergency Medical Services? Mr. Crawford indicated in the positive and explained that impact fees can be used for Capital Investment, not salaries.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Chandler.

Also present were: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Judy Butterfield, Extension Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Cheryl Brownlee, Security; Bob Milner, Sheriff; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director.

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(See Supplement File No. 02-16-06 for a copy of all documentation presented at this meeting.)

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Chandler offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(Chairman Hersey deviated from the scheduled agenda to accommodate the presenters.)

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**TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BOARD – COMMISSIONER CHANDLER  
(LAURA CREWS):**

Matthew Pearson, representing the Suwannee River Economic Council, addressed the Commission. They are the Community Transportation Coordinator in Bradford County. Due to an increase in transportation expenses, the local sub-contractor provider, Jones Convalescent Services has requested a 25% increase in the amount they are paid per mile, which means about \$35,000.00. There are no state funds available to support an increase.

Mr. Pearson distributed copies of a [recent study](#), showing Bradford County short on funds on the state level in comparison to other counties of similar size. The Local Coordinating Board is requesting local support before they start reducing services.

At the request of Commissioner Chandler, Mr. Pearson explained the state funding formula. The formula is based on 02-03 fiscal year expenditures. Bradford County is suffering since it did not overspend during the 02-03 fiscal year. Last year there was an 8% decrease in state funding across the board.

Mr. Pearson reviewed the services they provide to Bradford County and how those services will be affected by a rate increase without additional funding.

Commissioner Chandler said that there are a couple of items that concern the Transportation Disadvantaged Board. First, the local provider is operating at a loss. If he decides to get out of the business, then the search would be on for another vendor. This means that the County could be without someone to service the people altogether. They have asked Meridian for help by transporting clients to Starke or Gainesville instead of Lake City, but Meridian is not willing to do anything to help.

Commissioner Lewis inquired about the time frame to advise the local provider. Mr. Pearson said that in order to get a rate increase, the Local Coordinating Board must approve it; then it goes to the state rate review committee for approval and then before the full Transportation Disadvantaged Board. The Transportation Disadvantaged Board meets again in April. This gives him a little time, but not much. The current Medicaid contract states that a person must be taken to the nearest medical provider. The Meridian issue may need to be pressed.

Commissioner Chandler said that if the Commission decides to approve additional funding, there is a possibility that the state may cut their funding even more.

Chairman Hersey instructed Mr. Crawford to confer with Meridian, again. Bradford County is in the middle of a budget year and there are no funds available at this time.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Pearson to provide Mr. Crawford with the statute that regulates the state formula.

Commissioner Chandler requested a breakdown of what areas within the County the people who are utilizing the services are coming from.

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**PROCLAMATION – WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH – CHERYL CANOVA:**

Ms. Canova presented the proclamation for consideration.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously proclaimed March 2006 as “Women’s History Month”.*

Ms. Cheryl Canova announced that they would be honoring Mr. Cooper’s daughter this year as the “Woman of Promise”. This is a new category for women 16 through 24 years of age. There will be a luncheon on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., in Gainesville.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(FIRST READINGS)**

**--AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, APPLICATION NO. LDR 05-3 (CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 2.1, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, BY DEFINING AUTOMOBILE WRECKING AND AUTOMOBILE WRECKING YARD AND CLARIFYING THAT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE TEMPORARY STORAGE OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTED TO THE SITE BY TOW TRUCK AND WHICH ARE AWAITING REPAIR, AND AMENDING SECTION 4.17.4, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN AND INDUSTRIAL (I) ZONING DISTRICT, BY REQUIRING WRECKING YARDS TO INSTALL AN OPAQUE FENCE OR WALL BUFFER, MEET MINIMUM SETBACKS AND NOT TO BE LOCATED WITHIN A FLOOD ZONE A OR AE AREA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

There was brief discussion regarding the setback requirements.

**--AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, APPLICATION NO. 05-4 (NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 2.1, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 2.1, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS, BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARD; AMENDING SECTION 4.2, ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING SECTION 4.2.37, ENTITLED NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS, WHICH ESTABLISHES REGULATIONS FOR NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS THAT REQUIRE THEY BE ENCLOSED BY AN EIGHT FOOT OPAQUE FENCE, WALL OR LANDSCAPE BUFFER WITH 80 PERCENT OPACITY AND PROVIDING THAT SUBSEQUENT USE OF AN NON-CONFORMING USE OF STRUCTURE, OR STRUCTURE AND PREMISES IN COMBINATION THAT CEASES FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS SHALL CONFORM TO DISTRICT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Lewis questioned the eight-foot fence regulation. It was his understanding that the state requires a six-foot fence and that the Board had agreed to the same.

Mr. Pete Thornton of Thornton's Auto Salvage expressed his opposition to the fencing requirements in the proposed amendment. Commissioner Chandler said that he would like to see the County approve whatever the state standard is for fencing requirements. Mr. Brown said that he would research the state fencing requirements.

Commissioner Chandler asked if the fencing requirement is the only adversarial issue.

A citizen in the audience asked how long an existing salvage yard has to conform once the ordinance is adopted?

This spurred discussion, after which Chairman Hersey instructed Ms. Thompson and Mr. Crawford to contact other counties to determine what time constraints they impose.

**--AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, APPLICATION NO. LDR 06-1 (HORSES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS)**

Ms. Thompson presented a map to show what property would be affected by the proposed amendment. Any agricultural zoned property will not be affected, which is about 85% of the property in Bradford County. Approval of the proposed amendment will allow those who reside within a residential, single-family or residential single-family mobile home zoning district to apply for a special exception to have horses. The current LDR does not allow horses at all within these zoning districts.

Ms. Judith Otterson of 3425 NW 182<sup>nd</sup> Street addressed the Commission regarding a neighbor who has five horses on one acre of land, which she feels is unacceptable. Ms. Thompson said that there is no limit to how many horses you can have in an agricultural district.

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; AMENDING SECTION 4.8.4, ENTITLED PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES IN RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) ZONING DISTRICTS, DELETING THE KEEPING OF HORSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.8.5, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, IN RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) ZONING DISTRICTS; ADDING EQUINE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.9.4., ENTITLED PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES, IN RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICTS, DELETING THE KEEPING OF HORSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.9.5, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, IN RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH) ZONING DISTRICTS, ADDING EQUINE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.10.4, ENTITLED PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES, IN RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME (RMH) ZONING DISTRICTS, DELETING THE KEEPING OF HORSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.10.5, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, IN RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME (RMH) ZONING DISTRICTS, ADDING EQUINE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing.

Ms. Judith Otterson said that there should be stricter regulations for how many animals you can have on your acreage. Chairman Hersey instructed Ms. Otterson to meet with Ms. Thompson. This would be a code enforcement issue.

A citizen in the audience asked who the contact person is for equine complaints? Sheriff Milner said that his office gets complaints and they investigate, however, the statutes are vague relative to animal abuse. If a deputy cannot make the call on abuse, they call one of the on-call veterinarians who will render an opinion. About 80% of the cases are those wherein the animal may not be being treated right, but it does not give rise to the level of abuse.

This incited discussion concerning animal control as it relates to abuse. Ms. Kathy Lewis addressed the Commission. Sheriff Milner explained how complicated and involved the animal abuse issue is.

Chairman Hersey asked Mr. Brown to research the law. This would be an issue to be discussed in a workshop setting.

**--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. R 051216A (CRYSTAL LAKE HOME SITES):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, R 051216A, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Fred Hodges, of 431 SE 71<sup>st</sup> St., Crystal Lake Home Sites addressed the Commission. Crystal Lake Home Sites is very unique and when it was established, deed restrictions were adopted restricting it to single-family dwellings; no mobile or modular homes allowed. The state came and changed the land use, by mistake, and opened it up to mobile homes. Does this make their deed restrictions invalid?

Mr. Brown said that everyone who owns property with the deed restrictions has the right enforce the restrictions. The County does not get involved in deed restrictions. A permit can be issued in compliance with the zoning. If deed restrictions are being violated, it is up to the property owners to enforce them.

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Ms. Thompson said that the Zoning Board is recommending approval with a 3-0 vote.

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved to submit the application to DCA.*

**(ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES)**

**--ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. R 050622A (CRAIG W. PATTERSON & TIMOTHY BUFFKIN):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, R 050622A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. R 050622A. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 06-04.](#))*

**--ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. R 050705A (BRYAN K. & ANGELA K. NAZWORTH):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, R 050705A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-1 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 15 ACRES) TO AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. R 050706A. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 06-05.](#))*

**--ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 051206A (GREGORY N. & SUZANNE H. BORGANELLI):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S 051206A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES OF LAND) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. S 051206A. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 06-06.](#))*

**--ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 060104A (EARL D. & SHIRLEY M. YORK):**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S 060104A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 060104A. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 06-07.](#))*

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of October 20, 2005**
- B. Minutes of Regular Schedule Meeting of November 7, 2005**
- C. SHIP Home Repair Loans**
- D. SHIP Satisfaction of Mortgages**
- E. SREC Letter of Support for Grant Application**

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.*

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

### **Kathy Lewis – Animal Cruelty – Rural Agricultural Areas**

--Need a workshop to discuss the animal cruelty issue. She can bring experts to help at no cost.

--Need to protect our future by protecting the County's rural agricultural areas.

### **Sharon Detlefsen, 20031 N.E. 20<sup>th</sup> Lane, Lawtey – Noise Ordinance**

--Asked if the County has a noise ordinance.

Mr. Crawford said that the County's noise ordinance was written for industrial areas ONLY. There is no countywide noise ordinance.

Ms. Detlefsen asked what she could do to get a countywide noise ordinance. Her problem is loud music, which has been going on for three years. She has been told by a deputy not to call the Sheriff's Office again until she has approached the County Commission and gets a noise ordinance adopted.

Sheriff Milner said that the area Ms. Detlefsen is speaking of is in Strawberry Acres. The problem is that a neighbor has formed a garage band. This noise issue is not an isolated case in the County. Sheriff Milner gave a history of the Breech of Peace laws and the prosecutable rules for county/municipal ordinances. Until the Commission adopts a specific countywide noise ordinance, his office has to use discretion and is very limited to what they can do.

Mr. Brown said that even if the County goes through the expense of adopting an ordinance, the state attorney would not prosecute it.

Commissioner Cooper asked for a couple of weeks to work on the problem.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:**

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the payment of [the bills](#).*

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:**

None.

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**CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:**

**A. Unclaimed Funds to State**

Clerk Norman reported that a “[Notice of Unclaimed Property](#)” was properly advertised. A copy of the proof of publication has been provided to the Board.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously accepted the proof of publication.*

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:**

**A. FEMA Workshop on I/A and P/A to Include Mitigation – March 13<sup>th</sup> EOC**

Announced the FEMA workshop for March 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the EOC. Union County will be attending; the municipalities will be contacted. The Commission is encouraged to attend.

**B. New Hire Agriculture Extension Service – James T. DeValerio – Ag/Community Resource Development – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Announced the hire of Mr. James T. DeValerio as the Ag/Community Resource Development Agent in the Extension Office. Mr. DeValerio will be a great asset to the County. Dr. Baldwin will be sending a letter of confirmation, which he will provide to the Board upon receipt.

**C. Portable Classrooms – VFD**

Mr. Hatcher has advised that the school board is delaying a decision on the buildings. There should be about 11 buildings becoming available some time in the future. The only expense will be to move them, which is estimated to be \$2,500.00 each, depending on how far they are being moved. The possibility for use in the County would be the volunteer fire departments. New River and Sampson City have indicated an interest so far.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Thomas:**

--He would like the Board to continue working on funding for a Home Community Educator (HCE) in the Extension Office.

Commissioner Lewis said that they have requested a meeting with Mr. Crawford.

**Commissioner Lewis:**

--Asked what the Board's intentions are concerning Transportation Disadvantaged?

Commissioner Chandler said that it would be an ongoing effort. As far as funding is concerned, the Transportation Disadvantaged Board will try to reschedule trips to bring costs down to try to minimize the affect on the services provided. His concern is that if Mr. Futch decides he cannot continue his service, that the County will lose the service entirely. He will be speaking to the City Tuesday night. He does not foresee them offering any financial assistance, but hopes to at least get their position on the issue. If this becomes a "shared cost", it needs to be shared equally with the City of Starke and the other municipalities.

--Asked for clarification of the date and time for the workshop with the City of Starke regarding the Interlocal Agreement.

Chairman Hersey said that it is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Crawford said that he has not received confirmation on a time certain.

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**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:**

--The Pandamic Exercise held last Tuesday at that EOC was very eye opening and informative.

--In receipt of a [letter from the City of Lawtey](#) requesting assistance in repairing some of their streets. There are some legal issues to be concerned about.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included Lawtey paying for fuel, materials and equipment, time-frame to complete the work, personnel and legal issues.

Mr. Brown said that he would prefer to have written indemnification agreement from Lawtey authorizing to indemnify the County for any damages or claims.

Commissioner Chandler said that he would like to help Lawtey, however, as a professional courtesy, he would like to see the City of Lawtey come to the Board with such requests, not submit a letter. The contractor Lawtey employed is responsible for most of the damage. Therefore, Lawtey should get some of the expenses recovered in their lawsuit.

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Discussion continued.

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Funderburk and Mr. Crawford to schedule and coordinate the work to be performed; contingent upon receipt of written indemnification from the City of Lawtey.*

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ray Norman, Clerk to the Board**

These minutes prepared by Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk