

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, March 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; Sheriff Milner; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Service Director; Judy Butterfield, County Extension Director; Cheryl Brownlee, Security, Terry Brown, County Attorney; Mark Crawford, Press; Jim Farrell, Finance Director.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hersey offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY CAMP:

Ms. Thompson presented a site plan approval for the Salvation Army. The County Engineer has reviewed it and recommends approval. They have met all required conditions for the construction of dormitories.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the site plan approval as presented.

SUBDIVISION APPROVALS:

--N. W. PINES (Minor Subdivision):

Ms. Thompson presented a minor subdivision plat for N.W. Pines. It is located in an Agricultural Zoning Classification. All required parties have had the opportunity for review and there has been no negative feedback. They have received a SRWMD permit.

After brief discussion and on Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Minor Subdivision for [N.W. Pines](#) as presented.

--GOLFERS VILLAGE (Minor Subdivision):

Ms. Thompson presented a minor subdivision plat for Golfers Village. It is located in an RSF-1 Zoning Classification. All required parties have had the opportunity for review.

Chairman Hersey said that although SE 41st is a paved road, it is a private road. There has been discussion regarding the County taking the road. It has not yet been determined whether it meets County standards. The Developer must understand that the County has not taken over the road and should he or she desire for the County to take the road, it will have to meet County standards for the Board to even consider it.

Ms. Thompson said that she would advise the Developer.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Minor Subdivision for [Golfers Village](#) as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

--AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY 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 AN 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.”

Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, to adopt the Ordinance approving Application No. LDR-05-3.

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

The MOTION CARRIED 5-0. (The Ordinance was assigned [No. 06-08.](#))

--AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, APPLICATION NO. LDR-05-4 (Non-Conforming Wrecking Yards):

Ms. Thompson said that the fence height was changed to six feet, and the owners are given a one-year period to comply, except in extreme hardship cases wherein the County Manager could grant a one-year extension.

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 DEFINITIONS TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION OF INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND NONCONFORMING WRECKING YARD; AMENDING SECTION 2.3.5 NON-CONFORMING USE OF STRUCTURES AND PREMISES BY DISCONTINUING THE NON-CONFORMING STATUS OF A WRECKING YARD IF THE USE CEASES FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS; AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 4.2.37 NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS WHICH ESTABLISHES REGULATIONS FOR NONCONFORMING WRECKING YARDS THAT REQUIRE THAT NONCONFORMING WRECKING YARDS BE ENCLOSED BY NOT LESS THAN A SIX FOOT OPAQUE FENCE OR WALL, EXCEPT THAT AN EXISTING LANDSCAPE BUFFER MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF FENCING, PROVIDED THAT 80 PERCENT OPACITY IS MAINTAINED YEAR ROUND, AND WRECKING YARDS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH FENCING REQUIREMENTS HAVE ONE YEAR TO COMPLY, EXCEPT THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER MAY GRANT A ONE YEAR EXTENSION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTREME HARDSHIP CASES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

There was brief discussion regarding the one-year extension for extreme hardship cases.

Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing. There was no response.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Application No. LDR-05-4. (The Ordinance was assigned [No. 06-09.](#))

**--AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,
APPLICATION NO. LDR-06-1:**

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.”

Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing. There was no response.

There was brief discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Application No. LDR-06-1. (The Ordinance was assigned [No. 06-10.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of November 17, 2005**
- b. **Appointment of Amy LaFollette & Lisa Tatum to Library Advisory Board**
- c. **Change Order – Meng Dairy Road**
- d. **Inventory Surplus List**

There was brief discussion regarding Items “b” and “c”.

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

EMS GRANT APPLICATIONS – NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green presented two grant applications for consideration. Both applications are for the same project, which is to re-chassis and old unit. One application is under the Rural Grant Program with a 10% (\$9,000.00) match requirement, and the other is under the Matching Grant Program with a 25% (\$22,500.00) matching requirement. The County has a 50/50 chance for the Rural Grant and a 30/70 chance for the Matching Grant.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the matching funds requirement could be met with the current budget? Mr. Green said that it would actually roll into next years' budget. Commissioner Cooper said that is fine as long as Mr. Green is aware that next years' budget is either \$9,000.00 or \$22,500.00 shorter than this years' budget.

Commissioner Thomas inquired about the status of EMS revenues. Mr. Green said that they are doing fairly well. So far this month they have collected about \$50,000.00. They are shooting for \$100,000.00 this month, which puts them back in line where they need to be.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the [grant applications](#).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Still – Literacy (distributed packets to commission)

--Recapped the events that took place at the Literacy Summit held on February 28, 2006. Ms. Still referenced information provided in the packet she provided. With the help of Mark Johnson from the United Way, there is being formed a Bradford County Literacy Workgroup.

Ms. Still thanked Commissioner Chandler for his attendance at the Literacy Summit. She hopes to see more of the Commissioners at future workgroups.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN: None.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:

a. Hire of OPS Position for Road Department

--Several months ago the Board approved to hire two OPS positions. Since we were in the winter months, only one was hired. Now that we are getting closer to the summer months when mowing increases, he has advertised to fill the other position.

b. Purchase of Roadside Mowing System

--He has located a Challenger roadside-mowing system, which is a piece of equipment he feels is needed at the Road Department. This system new is \$115,000.00. A demo has come available for \$85,000.00. These funds are not in the current budget.

Ringpower offers a financing program, at 7.5%, with annual payments of \$25,490.00 for four years. He received three telephone quotes. These quotes were not "sealed" quotes; therefore he will not reveal the names of the banks. Upon Board approval, he will request sealed quotes.

Bank One – Four years at 5.2%

Bank Two – Four years at 4.5% fixed, with an offer to defer payment to November 1, 2006

Bank Three - Four years at 4.9%

Mr. Crawford requested authorization to negotiate the best deal to purchase this equipment.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the need for the mowing system and the budget.

Commissioner Cooper recommended holding off on a decision until the 1st meeting in April to give Mr. Crawford time to do further research on the availability of funding in the Transportation Trust Fund Budget.

c. Advertise to Hire Part-time Maintenance Worker

--He is re-advertising a part-time, 30-hour per week, custodian position for the Maintenance Department. The Board previously approved this action, it was advertised, but fell through.

--Harlis R. Ellington Construction, Inc. was the low bidder for paving Wilson Road at \$344,362.00. He has received word from Mr. Kelley that everything appears to be in order.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved to award the bid to Harlis R. Ellington Construction, Inc., as presented.

--Reported on the prospect of expanding the urban development area around the City of Starke to simplify some ongoing commercial development in the area. The prospective area is that known as Norman's Roadside Market. A developer is in the process of purchasing the 36 acres. He would like 10 acres to be commercial and the remainder residential. The developer has indicated that if required, he will provide the water and sewer by constructing a plant. However, for a certain amount of money per house, the City has agreed to provide sewer and water, without being annexed into the City.

03-16-06 Workshop and Regular Meeting

With the assistance of a map, Ms. Thompson clarified the existing urban development area and the proposed area for expansion. She explained that the developer actually wishes to rezone to a medium density classification, which cannot be done unless it is inside the urban development area.

Following discussion regarding the County's urban development areas in general, there was consensus to address the issue in further detail in a workshop setting on April 3.

d. Accept Two Portable Classrooms from School Board

--Two of the volunteer fire departments have expressed an interest in receiving one of the portable classrooms from the School board. It will cost approximately \$3,500.00 each to move them, and set up would be additional. He is going to go and look at a couple of the classrooms, confer with Mr. Sullivan and the two fire chiefs and then report to the Board at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis:

--The Board should consider the possibility of amending the Land Development Regulations to allow students to raise show animals for 4-H and FFA projects.

Commissioner Cooper:

--Reminded the Board that March 29 is the Small County Coalition and the Florida Association of Counties meetings in Tallahassee. It is important to have a good showing at these meetings. The fiscally constrained legislation is moving and getting it done this year means about one-half a million dollars to Bradford County, not to mention the other small counties who also need the money.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:

a. Workshop on Planned Unit Development (PUD) April 3rd

--Reminded the Board of the April 3rd workshop on PUD's, following the regular meeting.
--Indicated the need to schedule a workshop for general discussion.
--Welcomed Mr. Richard Sapp as a new Zoning Board member.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk