

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006  
9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2006, at 9:30 a.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; Ron Lily, Chamber of Commerce CEO; Teila Pearson, Tax Collector; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Phalbe Henriksen, Library Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Mark Crawford, Press; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Sheriff Milner; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator.

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(See Supplemental File No. 11-06-06 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 11, 2006**
- B. Minutes of Impact Fee Workshop of September 14, 2006**
- C. Minutes of Public Hearing Adopting Fiscal-Year 2006-2007 Budget and Millage**
- D. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 21, 2006**
- E. Interlocal Agreement Between Bradford County and the Town of Brooker for the Provision of Animal Control Services**
- F. Satisfaction of Mortgage – Sadie Desue**
- G. IGCF Expenditures of \$27,502.40 (Visionair) and \$14,424.00 (Motorola Service Agreement)**

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

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Chairman Hersey called Ms. Teila Pearson to the podium for a presentation.

Ms. Pearson presented the Commission a \$25,261.00 check representing excess fees for fiscal year 2005-2006 and a \$1,423.00 check for excess fees for special assessments.

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**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING BURN BAN – BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns said that the burn ban was imposed on October 24. As of this morning, Bradford County's drought index is one of the highest in the state.

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

**“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ACTION BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR IMPOSING AN OPEN FIRE BURN BAN AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 26-8(h) OF THE COUNTY CODE.”**

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The Resolution was assigned [No. 06-31](#).)*

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**SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH – NORA THOMPSON:**

Ms. Thompson presented the site plan. The plan is for a new multi-purpose building. All required agencies have reviewed the plan and recommend approval.

The Commission reviewed the site plan.

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the site plan.*

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**REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LIBRARY DETECTION SYSTEM—PHALBE HENRIKSEN:**

Ms. Henriksen said that she received three quotes. The lowest and best quote was submitted by DynaTag. The quote is separated as follows: Capital equipment at \$4,470.00 and supplies at \$2,551.00. The funds are in the library budget.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the [Library Detection System from DynaTag](#) as presented.*

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**CONSIDER LETTER OF AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES – NELSON GREEN:**

Mr. Green said that two proposals were received in response to the RFP that was advertised: MedState Power Systems and Hall-Mark Fire Apparatus. The RFP was written in such a manner that the County has the option to do a multi-vendor award, and any department within the County can take advantage of the contract once established. The committee who reviewed the proposals recommends entering into a one-year contract with both vendors, with an automatic one-year extension, if both parties agree.

There was brief discussion.

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved to enter into contract with both vendors as presented by Mr. Green.*

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**PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR PAVING NE 185<sup>th</sup> AND NE 28<sup>th</sup> (MARKLEE STARLING & LUKE ROAD) – JIM CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Crawford reported that two bids were received, opened and reviewed. Ellington Construction is the low bidder at \$1,164,456.07. When the Commission approved these roads some time ago, the estimate at that time was much lower than this bid due to the increase in construction costs. This project will put the County approximately \$90,000.00 over the special projects construction list.

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to award the bid to [Ellington Construction for \\$1,164,456.07.](#)*

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**PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR PAVING SW CR231 – JIM CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Crawford reported that three bids were received, opened and reviewed. The low bidder was APAC at \$1,240,380.29 for the total base bid. This amount is within the DOT allotment for the project.

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved to award the bid to [APAC for \\$1,240,380.29.](#)*

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**PRESENTATION OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF PARADISE LAKE LOTS 17 & 18 – JIM CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Crawford said that the Board approved to advertise these lots for sale through sealed bids. One bid was submitted by Jodi Geiger for \$32,100.00. The bid amount meets the minimum requirement based on estimates received. He recommended that the Commission approve the sale of the land to Ms. Jodi Geiger for \$32,100.00.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the sale of the property to [Jodi Geiger for \\$32,100.00.](#)*

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**--CONSTRUCTION TRADE BOARD – WILSON WHIDDEN:**

Mr. Whidden explained the changes being made based on recommendation of the Construction Board.

*Commissioner Thomas MOVED to adopt the ordinance.*

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS “THE CONSTRUCTION TRADE BOARD ORDINANCE” TO DELETE OBSOLETE OR SUPERSEDED SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

*Commissioner Lewis SECONDED the Motion.*

Commissioner Cooper said that he is not comfortable with someone else having the authority to remove someone from a board that this County Commission has appointed.

This spurred discussion.

Mr. Brown advised that the motion and second should be withdrawn a new motion be made to adopt the ordinance with the following amendment: On page 14, subsection (2), line four, delete “construction trade board” and insert the language “county commission”.

*Commissioner Thomas withdrew his MOTION and Commissioner Lewis withdrew his SECOND.*

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance subject to the noted amendment. (The Ordinance was assigned No. 06-37.)*

**--AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS – TERRY BROWN:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

*Commissioner Thomas MOVED to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Lewis SECONDED the motion.*

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Chairman Hersey opened public hearing.

**Kristie Dickens, 1030 S. Water St., Starke –**

Ms. Dickens expressed her concern regarding the adoption and sterilization process cited in the proposed ordinance. She would like the ordinance reviewed further before it is adopted.

This incited extensive discussion. Sheriff Milner said that he is comfortable with the ordinance as it is written.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** (The Ordinance was assigned [No. 2006-38.](#))*

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL – TERRY BROWN:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR THE BOARDING OF ANIMALS SEIZED BY ANIMAL CONTROL; ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT TO BE PAID BY PERSONS ADOPTING UNSTERILIZED ANIMALS FROM ANIMAL CONTROL AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Mr. Brown said that based on earlier discussion he would make the following recommendation for an amendment to the resolution: Section 3 should read: “Persons adopting un-sterilized animals from the animal control department shall pay a deposit pursuant to Section 10-44(b), Bradford County Code.” This change deletes the actual amounts and affords the Sheriff an opportunity to negotiate the fees.

**Ms. Iris Mints of 6043 NW 216<sup>th</sup> St., Starke – Animal Control**

--Expressed her appreciation to the PAWS volunteers. Encouraged the Commission to keep the adoption fees as low as possible.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2006-32.](#))*

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**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY – TERRY BROWN:**

Mr. Brown said that this is a proposed contract with the State Attorney’s Office for the prosecution of county ordinances. The rates have been discussed and negotiated. He recommended approval.

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER LEWIS:**

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills as reviewed. (A copy of the approved bills is located in the Finance Department.)*

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Kristie Dickens – Animal Control:**

--Reported on the success of the on-site adoption held this weekend. 20 dogs and 9 cats were adopted. She is looking forward to continued success. She commended the Sheriff for his efforts in working with PAWS.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN: None.**

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:**

**A. Update on Road Projects**

Referred to a [spreadsheet](#) provided to the Commissioners. Mr. Crawford reported on new projects started, completions, and funding.

**B. County Planner Position**

Two applications have been received in response to the advertisement. He has extended the closure date for a couple of weeks in hopes of receiving more applications.

**C. Update on Road Dept. Equipment**

Mr. Crawford presented a slideshow on equipment upgrades and clean up of the Road Department.

**D. Impact Fee Update**

The City of Starke held a workshop. They are considering imposing their own impact fee separate from County. The County is going ahead with public hearings scheduled for November 27 and December 14 at 7:00 p.m., at the Conference Center. The public hearings will be advertised.

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**CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.**

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

--Expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wise for getting a problem in the Graham area cleaned up.

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

--Also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wise for his help with solving a problem in his area.

--Expressed his appreciation to PAWS and the volunteers for their help with animal control.

**Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:**

--Expressed appreciation to Mr. Wise for his help with illegal dumping clean ups.

--Also expressed appreciation to PAWS for their concern and service to the community.

**Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:**

--The Senior Advisory Board has been meeting. He thanked Clerk Norman for his participation and Ms. Macey for her leadership. The advisory board hopes to bring some recommendations to the Commission some time in December.

--The Board needs to start discussing a capital needs budget. One of the things he would like see done is that whenever the Board receives excess fees or unexpected monies, that those monies be placed in a capital needs budget. The Board is required under SB360 to identify capital needs projects.

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

--Expressed appreciation to all County employees and volunteers. There is a lot of good that is done for the citizens of the County and he is proud to be a part of that.

--Reminded the Board of the Small County Coalition meeting in Tallahassee.

--Reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and encouraged them to vote.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

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**EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**