

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007
9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

Also present were: June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Alex Hinely, County Planner; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Sheriff Milner; Karen Jordan, Court Administration; Jim Farrell, Finance Director and Mark Crawford, Press.

(See Supplement File No. 03-05-07 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 8, 2007**
- B. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 18, 2007**
- C. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of February 5, 2007**
- D. S.H.I.P. Loan**

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

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SITE PLAN APPROVAL—NORA THOMPSON:

Mr. Whidden presented the site plan for consideration. Normally, the Board of Adjustment would have to approve a special exception for a church. However, to help the church move the project along, they are asking the Commission to approve the site plan for Phase I, pending the outcome of the Board of Adjustments decision. The plan has been reviewed by the engineer and meets all site plan code requirements.

At the direction of Mr. Brown, Commissioner Hersey abstained from the vote, as he is a Trustee for Hope Baptist Church. (Commissioner Hersey filed a [Memorandum Voting Conflict](#).”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board approved the site plan as presented, subject to the Board of Adjustment final decision. The vote was 4-0, with Commissioner Hersey abstaining.

REPLACEMENT HOUSING FOR THERESSA EMS STATION—NELSON GREEN:

Commissioner Lewis said that according to Mr. Crawford, the mobile home being used for housing at the Theresa EMS station is in disrepair. At the direction of Mr. Crawford, Mr. Green has received a quote for a replacement mobile home. The [\\$25,000.00 quote](#) includes the mobile home, the removal of the old mobile home and placement of the new mobile home. The funds are available in this years' budget.

Commissioner Hersey concurred that the mobile home is in bad shape.

Commissioner Chandler expressed some hesitation in spending funds on something that is temporary when there have been discussions concerning the possibility of moving the Theresa station.

Clerk Norman said that air quality study has been performed and there is a concern regarding mold in the mobile home.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board authorized the expenditure to purchase the new mobile home by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Chandler dissenting.

Mr. Brown advised that the existing mobile home should be declared surplus.

Commissioner Chandler said that he agrees that the need is there and the Commission should have taken action on this issue. However, a better job needs to be done informing the Commission of a problem of this nature sooner than was done so in this situation. The Board should have been given ample time to make a decision before it become an emergency.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved to surplus the existing mobile home.

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RATIFICATION OF BURN BAN RESOLUTION—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns read the title 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 Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-05.](#))

Mr. Johns reported on the recent fire activity throughout the County and highly commended all of the volunteers for an outstanding job in fighting the fires.

UPDATE ON SALLYPORT—COMM. COOPER / SPYROS DRIVAS:

Commissioner Cooper said that Allstate Construction is the company that is building the library. There have been discussions with Allstate regarding a possible change order to the existing library contract to do the construction work on the sally port and the installation of the generator. Allstate has provided proposals for both items. There is still some room for negotiation between Mr. Crawford and Allstate concerning the price, especially on the generator side. There are adequate funds in the Small County Courthouse Grant to cover both contract amounts.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized a not to exceed contract price of [\\$263,739.00 with Allstate Construction](#) for the construction process of the sally port.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously authorized a not to exceed contract price of [\\$194,296.00 with Allstate Construction](#) for the installation of the courthouse generator.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMM. CHANDLER:

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills as reviewed. (A copy of the bills is available in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mitch Holsenbeck of 10705 SE 49th Avenue – Paving of SE 49th Avenue

Mr. Holsenbeck expressed his disappointment that SE 49th Avenue has not been paved and cited several reasons why SE 49th Avenue should be paved. Some of the reasons being: the growth of the area, the lime rock dust problem and the increased volume of traffic.

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This spurred discussion, which was not limited to but included the road paving process and priority list, the cost of paving roads and the lack of funding for paving roads.

Sheriff Milner – Introduction of Lieutenant Russell

Sheriff Milner introduced Lieutenant Russell to the Commission. Lieut. Russell was brought on staff due to the retirement of Lieut. Bryan. Sheriff Milner briefed the Commission on Lieut. Russell's employment background, qualifications, duties and responsibilities.

Sheriff Milner reported on some of the findings of the recent fire and safety inspection conducted by the Fire Marshall of the public safety complex. A copy of the report has been provided to the County Manager.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN:

None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—JIM CRAWFORD:

None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:

Clerk Norman expressed his gratitude to the Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts and success in saving his nephew's home from the recent fire. The volunteers went beyond the call of duty and did a super job.

Chairman Lewis said that a lot of people do not realize what an outstanding job the volunteers do for the County.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--Since the Board has started an awards and recognition program, he would like the Commission to consider presenting the Volunteer Fire Departments with awards for their outstanding service.

Chairman Lewis asked Ms. Neats to see that that is taken care of.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:

--Requested a workshop to address the proposed property tax changes. If the Governor's proposals are successful, the County could face some substantial budget cuts.

A workshop was set for Thursday March 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--The Heilbronn Springs Volunteer Fire Department's new truck will be delivered the first of May. He suggested coordinating an awards ceremony in with the dedication of the new truck.

After brief discussion, there was Board consensus to move forward with an awards ceremony for all of the volunteer fire stations. Commissioner Thomas will coordinate with Mr. Johns to establish an appropriate date and time.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—EDDIE J. LEWIS:

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk