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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2004 9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met June 7, 2004 to conduct their regular scheduled meeting. Attending the meeting were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Cooper, Terry Brown, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Nelson Green, Wilson Whidden, Nora Thompson, D.Z. Griffis, Bill Dampier, Mark Crawford, Donny Wise, Herschel Waldron, Nathaniel Hines, Sheriff Milner, Lee Vincent and Ron Lilly.

(A copy of all documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 06-07-04.)

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Hersey led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. APPROVE RESOLUTION EXTENDING OPEN FIRE BURN BAN UNTIL JUNE 18, 2004—COMM. COOPER/BILL DAMPIER:**

Commissioner Cooper said that a recommendation has been made by Mr. Dampier and Mr. Sullivan to extend the existing burn ban to June 18, 2004.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to adopt the resolution extending the burn ban. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-21.)

Mr. Dampier requested action on an item that was deferred from the June 2 Emergency Meeting; that item being a resolution to ratify the declaration of the state of local emergency due to the Santa Fe Swamp fire.

Ms. Hall read the title of the resolution into the records as follows:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM WILD-LAND FIRE DAMAGE IN BRADFORD COUNTY.”**

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**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to adopt the resolution ratifying the declaration. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-20.)

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING WASTE WATER FROM JAIL—LEE VINCENT:**

Mr. Vincent distributed copies of a cost estimate for a grinder pump for the jail sewer waste. He explained that research has been conducted in an attempt to arrive at a less expensive solution than what was previously presented to the Commission, which he believes was in the neighborhood of about \$70,000.00. The cost proposal being presented for consideration is for a grinder pump with a fiberglass basin at the cost of \$18,420.00. The proposal does not include installation; the City will do the installation.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Vincent if he is requesting that the County share the cost. Mr. Vincent said that he is asking the County to pay for the system. He understands that the funds may be tight, and although he would like to do it now, if it needs to be held off and included in the upcoming budget, that would be acceptable. Since the City is installing the system, he feels there is a share of cost.

Chairman Johnson said that he would not want to take action without the Clerk or Mr. Farrell confirming the availability of funds.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to pay the cost of \$18,420.00 to purchase the system, conditioned upon confirmation by the Finance Department of the availability of the funds. If the funds are not available, it will come back to the Board for consideration for next years' budget. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** the motion.

Mr. Vincent said that he would absorb any additional cost above the proposal amount.

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

**PRESENTATION CONCERNING BRADFORD COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO VETERAN'S FOR THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL IN TALLAHASSEE –NATHAN HINES:**

Mr. Hines said that Department of Veterans' Affairs is requesting that each County submit its proposal for the memorial. Each County will be given a 24" x 8" space for its contribution. After conferring with Colonel Hatcher and viewing other memorials, the following verbiage has been drafted:

**“Bradford County honors and pays tribute to those who served in World War II. Dedicated to those brave servicemen and women who served our Country with dignity, honor and pride. We will never forget your sacrifice for the cause of freedom and justice for all.”**

Depending on the availability of space, some type of logo could be added.

Commissioner Cooper said that he feels the language is fitting. He would like to have a County logo, if possible. Mr. Hines said that it would be submitted with a logo.

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**Comm. Mann MOVED** to grant Mr. Hines permission to submit the verbiage with a logo to Tallahassee. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER FOR STAFF TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO—COMM. JOHNSON/PHALBE HENRIKSEN:** Commissioner Johnson said that Ms. Henriksen is requesting permission to close the library on Saturday, June 26, to allow her staff to attend a conference in Orlando.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to approve the request. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CONSOLIDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT—COMM. THOMAS/DONNY WISE:** Commissioner Thomas presented the grant application for approval.

Mr. Wise said that Bradford County received \$117,647 for the grant last year; this year it will be \$191,176, an increase of \$73,529.00.

**Comm. Thomas MOVED** to approve the grant application. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO DROP FULL COVERAGE INSURANCE AND MAINTAIN PIP FOR VEHICLES LOCATED IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT—COMM. COOPER:** Commissioner Cooper said that there are four vehicles that are more than 10 years old and by dropping comp & collision insurance, there is a savings of \$2,604.00.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to remove comp & collision insurance on the four Mack Dump Trucks as identified. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

Commissioner Mann expressed concern about dropping the comp & collision on these large vehicles. He can see dropping the comp & collision on the two 1987 models, but not the 1995 models.

Commissioner Cooper said that he would get some values on the vehicles and bring it to the Board at the next meeting.

**Comm. Hersey WITHDREW HIS SECOND, Comm. Cooper WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**

**REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SPONSOR THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ISSUES—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON/WILSON WHIDDEN:**

- A. ROY P. NEWMAN—02094-0-00100—AG II TO CI**
- B. S & G PETROLEUM, INC—05649-A-01402—RSF1 TO CI**
- C. JOSEPH T. & ROSE AGIUS—05549-0-00000—RSF TO CI**
- D. CLAUDE & MARION THOMPSON—04791-0-00200—AG II TO CC**
- E. ROBERT RICHARDSON—05655-0-00000—RSF1 TO CG**
- F. ROBERT RICHARDSON—05649-A-01505—RSF1 TO CG**
- G. TATUM BROTHERS LUMBER CO. INC—01739-0-00300—RSF-MH TO AGII**
- H. ROY NEWMAN—02094-0-00105—AGII TO CI**
- I. FRANKLIN & KARIN THOMAS—00867—RSF-MH TO CG**
- J. HELEN THOMPSON—02179-0-00000—RR TO CI**

Mr. Whidden advised that the 90-day window to bring requests for Board sponsorship on rezoning applications is now closed. This is the list of the people who are requesting Board sponsorship. For clarification purposes ‘A’ and ‘H’ are the same application. ‘A’ was under the old ownership and since he purchased the property a new parcel number was assigned.

Commissioner Mann said that the Board already agreed to sponsor the Roy Newman application, which was part of the Griffis property. Mr. Whidden said the State would not allow that application to go with the Griffis’ application.

Incited by a question asked by Commissioner Cooper, discussion ensued regarding whether each parcel met the primary criteria established by the Board of having been changed as a result of the Comp Plan amendments.

Each parcel was viewed on the Property Appraiser’s website and discussed.

Following the discussion, **Comm. Cooper MOVED** to sponsor the following applications: B. S&G Petroleum, Inc., D. Claude & Marion Thompson, G. Tatum Brothers Lumber Co., Inc., I. Franklin & Karin Thomas (limited to the original 3.2 acres) and J. Helen Thompson. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Commissioner Cooper said that the other applicants are free to file an application and go through the process if they desire to change their property.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF PERSONAL OR TANGIBLE PROPERTY FROM \$750 TO \$1,000—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON:** Chairman Johnson said that the auditors are recommending the increase, based on a legislative change.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to increase the value of personal or tangible property from \$750 to \$1000. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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**REQUEST PERMISSION TO RE-BID AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT—CHAIRMAN JOHNSON:** Mr. Brown said that although the County reserves the right to waive bid formalities, in reviewing the bid documents and actual bids, it is his opinion that this would not just be a formality. The low bidder bid a standard transmission and the actual bid specifications called for an automatic transmission.

**Comm. Thomas MOVED** to re-bid the tractor. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Johnson requested that care be taken in drafting the specs. Commissioner Cooper said that the Road Department can update the specifications and a copy will be provided to each Commissioner for review before the advertisement.

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

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

**PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

**A. APPROVE SALARY INCREASE OF \$.75 PER HOUR FOR ADAM NETTLES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2004—COMM. JOHNSON/DZ GRIFFIS:**

Mr. Griffis said that Mr. Nettles successfully completed the six-month probationary period in April and is an excellent employee. The funds are in the budget to cover the increase in salary.

**Comm. Cooper MOVED** to approve the salary increase as requested. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED.**

Commissioner Mann asked if this was part of the agreement when Mr. Nettles was hired. Mr. Griffis said that it was not in writing, however, this is normal procedure.

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

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS:** None.

Chairman Johnson called a 10-minute recess.

The meeting was called back to order by Chairman Johnson at 10:28 a.m.

**CLERK REPORTS:** None.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Chairman Johnson commented on the following:**

--Chairman Johnson said that due the death of former President Reagan, Friday has been declared a National holiday. The State has not determined it to be a State holiday. Bradford County's court system will not make a decision until the Supreme Court makes a decision and the Supreme Court will not make a decision until the Governor makes a decision. He recommended that the Commission declare Friday a County holiday, contingent upon the Governor's decision.

**Comm. Hersey MOVED** contingent upon the Governor's declaration, to declare Friday a County paid holiday. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:**

--Expressed his appreciation to all involved in the success of the Dedication and Open House services held last Friday.

**Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:**

--Provided an update on the Santa Fe Swamp fire.

**Commissioner Mann commented on the following:**

--Anderson Columbia is laying asphalt in Lincoln City today. It will take them about two to three days to complete and then we will move in a do the sodding, signing and striping.

--Clearing on Meng Dairy road has begun.

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

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**HERMAN JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN**

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

These minutes typed by:

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