

(06-21-07 Regular Meeting and Workshop)

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007
WORKSHOP (Presentation of Landfill Engineering Proposals) 5:00 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m.**

**WORKSHOP
Presentation of Landfill Engineering Proposals**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 5:00 p.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: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; and Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk.

(See Supplement File No. 06-21-07 for a copy of all documentation presented at this meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF LANDFILL ENGINEERING PROPOSALS:

Chairman Lewis said that the County received proposals from three engineering firms for monitoring of the solid waste landfill.

Each firm was given the opportunity to briefly review their proposal to the Commission. The following firms gave presentations:

- 1) Jones-Edmunds Engineers/Architects/Scientists**
- 2) Darabi and Associates, Inc.:**
- 3) Bailey, Bishop & Lane, Inc.**

At the conclusion of the presentations, Chairman Lewis said that the Board would rank the firms during the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.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: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Alex Hinely, County Planner; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Nathan Hines, V.A. Service Officer; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Sheriff Milner; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Brad Carter, Jail Administrator; Mark Crawford, Press; Percy Sullivan, Fire Chief.

(See Supplement File No. 06-21-07 for a copy of all documentation presented at this meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sheriff Milner offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS:

**--FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2007 PRESIDENTIAL ADVOCACY AWARD
PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONER COOPER—CHAIRMAN LEWIS:**

Mr. Crawford said that Commissioner Cooper has been selected to receive the 2007 Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Award for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to the Florida Association of Counties mission, especially during this past legislative session.

Chairman Lewis presented the award to Commissioner Cooper.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION – APPLICATIONS FOR REZONING AND LAND USE AMENDMENTS:

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. 0Z-4 (Alldredge)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 07-4, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RURAL, RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 07-4. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-22.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-5 (BOCC)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 07-5, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY / MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 07-5. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-23.](#))

--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S070426A (WARD)—NORA THOMPSON:

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 070426A, 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 AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO INDUSTRIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 070426A. ([The Ordinance was assigned No. 07-24.](#))

--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 070430A (TRIST)—NORA THOMPSON:

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 070430A, 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 RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO INDUSTRIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 070430A. ([The Ordinance was assigned No. 07-25.](#))

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--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 070504A (MCMILLIAN)—NORA THOMPSON:

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 070504A, 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 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 Lewis opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 070504A. ([The Ordinance was assigned No. 07-26.](#))

--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 070507A (BOCC)—NORA THOMPSON:

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 070507A, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNIT 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 Lewis opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 070507A. ([The Ordinance was assigned No. 07-27.](#))

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--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 070507B (BOCC)—NORA THOMPSON:

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 070507B, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-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.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S 070507B. ([The Ordinance was assigned No. 07-28.](#))

--AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN—CPA 07-1 – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson said that this is the final step of County’s Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Commission voted to accept the stipulated settlement agreement a few months ago and this is the ordinance that actually adopts the EAR.

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 07-1 AND THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE COUNTY, DATED MARCH 15, 2007, DOAH CASE NO. 07-0608GM; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY I.15.3 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO COORDINATE WITH CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER TO LIMIT ALLOWABLE USES THROUGHOUT THE CAMP BLANDING MILITARY ZONE TO USES THAT WILL NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPACTED BY NOISE, TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving an Amendment to the Text of the Comprehensive Plan, Application No. CPA 07-1. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-29.](#))

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PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR BRAGGS BRANCH – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson presented the preliminary plat for Braggs Branch Subdivision. It has been provided to all required parties. They are recommending approval.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved the Preliminary Plat for Braggs Branch Subdivision.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE ROAD CLOSURE – DUDLEY HARDY:

Chairman Lewis abstained from all discussion and action regarding this item and relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Chandler. ([Form 8B-Voting Conflict](#) executed by Chairman Lewis.)

Mr. Hardy said that he is filing a [petition](#) on behalf of Eddie J. Lewis and Mr. And Mrs. D.W. Oden to close certain unopened and unused platted streets. The law requires a public hearing before the Commission can take action to close the roads. Mr. Hardy requested a public hearing at the next meeting date of July 19, 2007. He will advertise the hearing in the Telegraph.

Commissioner Cooper said that the County created a road closure procedure where the County Manager is to bring a recommendation to the Commission before a road is closed.

Mr. Crawford said that the procedure is for roads that have been established and used, these roads were never opened, never used and closure is governed by Florida Statutes.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, with a 4-0 vote, the Board authorized the advertisement of a public hearing as requested.

Vice-Chairman Chandler handed the gavel back to Chairman Lewis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Anderson – SE 50th Street – Paving:

--Presented the Commission with a [petition](#) signed by either residents or landowners of SE 50th Street to have 5/10 of a mile of the road paved.

Commissioner Hersey said that the Board would consider the request during the upcoming budget cycle.

Mr. Anderson said that the fire protection provided on SE 50th Street during the recent fires was outstanding.

Ms. Arlene Cooper, Mr. Jerry Kahn, Ms. Jackie Walker and Mr. Robert Burnham – Hidden Oaks – Repair of Roads Damaged During Fires:

--The roads are in bad condition. It is their understanding that FEMA provided funds to repair roads that sustained damage during the fires. The County began the project and did a wonderful job. However, there is approximately 4/10 of a mile that still needs to be repaired. They requested that the County finish the repairs.

Mr. Crawford said that FEMA would provide funds to restore roads back to their original condition, if they were damaged by fire equipment. Some of the work has been done, but until the pulpwood trucks are finished, he does not want to finish the project.

Chairman Lewis said that everything that can be done within the law is being done.

Commissioner Cooper explained that the law says that the County cannot put any County equipment on a private road. Under FEMA's rules, the County was given permission to do what was allowed within the law. The best available mechanism is an MSTU. Commissioner Cooper explained the MSTU process. The road will be repaired to its original condition, but that will not help for long-term maintenance.

Brian Johns said that forestry is not finished in the area and could be there for another 60 days. Then it will be an additional 60 days before the County can file for reimbursement from FEMA.

Commissioner Chandler expressed that he lives on a private road and is very empathetic to the problems. However, he also understands the constraints of the law.

Mr. John Bartow Lee of 8932 SE 50th Avenue – Condition of the Road and the Cost of an MSTU:

--According to his calculations, the residents could get maintenance on the roads for once a month for about \$50.00 a year per resident through an MSTU.

This spurred brief discussion regarding the MSTU process. Mr. Crawford said that he and Mr. Brown are looking at the legality of a policy of another county that allows their graders, on a temporary basis, to perform work on private roads and the residents reimburse the county for the expenses.

Ms. Denise Crawford, Chairperson for the Bradford County Overall Extension Advisory Committee – CED/4-H Vacancy:

--A candidate for the CED/4-H position vacancy was presented to the committee on Monday. It is the committee's recommendation to reject the candidate and continue the search.

Commissioner Cooper said that the Board has the option of interviewing the one applicant. Also, under statute, the Board has the right to ask the University to send a minimum of three applicants. He would like Dr. Baldwin to re-advertise and bring three applicants. The problem has been that the advertisement thus far has been for 4-H/Director, of which there are only one or two in the entire State of Florida. He would like to reclassify the advertisement to create a greater pool of applicants.

After discussion concerning the options available to the Commission, there was consensus to move forward as suggested by Commissioner Cooper.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL TO SHERIFF'S BUDGET UP TO \$80,000 PER MONTH FOR REMAINDER OF BUDGET YEAR**
- B. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 7, 2007**
- C. APPROVE SHIP LOANS**
- D. SPYROS DRIVAS CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER TO SALLY PORT FOR COURTHOUSE-- \$20,000.00**

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

VETERANS SERVICES UPDATE – NATHAN HINES:

Mr. Hines provided an update to the Commission regarding [veteran data and statistics](#). The data included veteran population, economic impact of veterans for the State of Florida county-by-county, veteran housing and support funding.

RESOLUTIONS:

--RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-05 – BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns said that Resolution No. 07-05 enacted a burn ban, which was lifted June 15.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 07-05. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-18.](#))

--CONFIRMING PROCLAMATION EXTENDING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DATED JUNE 11, 2007– BRIAN JOHNS:

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution Ratifying the Extension of the Local State of Emergency. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-17.](#))

Mr. Johns said that the Local State Emergency would not be extended any longer.

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APPLICATION FOR HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM – ANGELA MACEY:

The Affordable Housing Board has selected the last applicant for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program. The applicant's name is Mercedo Davis.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved a [loan](#) for Mercedo Davis as presented.

RANKING OF ENGINEERS FOR KEYSTONE SOLID WASTE MONITORING – CHAIRMAN LEWIS:

Chairman Lewis said that the Board would rank the applicants on the ranking sheet provided and turn the ranking sheets over to Mr. Crawford for tally and recommendation.

Incited by a question of Chairman Lewis, Mr. Brown advised that once the Commission has made its first choice, contract negotiations begin. If you do not like their proposed fees, you move to the second ranked applicant, so on and so forth. The Board is not permitted to discuss fees and costs at this time; the ranking is based solely on qualifications.

Chairman Lewis advised that the ranking sheets would be turned in to Mr. Crawford at the end of the meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN: None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER HERSEY:

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills as reviewed.

(A list of the bills is located in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:

A. FUNDING REQUEST FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

--The Recreation Department Summer Program has begun. Due to the construction of the new library, they will be meeting at fairgrounds. The City Recreation Department serves the entire County. Mr. Crawford recommended assisting them with the \$2,000.00 rental charge of the fairgrounds.

There was brief discussion concerning the availability of funds.

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On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure of \$2,000.00 out of the "Special Events" line item in the General Fund.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

Chairman Lewis inquired about responses to letters written to the departments and constitutional officers regarding budget cuts.

Mr. Crawford said that he has received responses back from all county departments, with the exception of one. They will begin reviewing the budgets next week.

Clerk Norman briefly reviewed the certification process and budget deadlines.

There was discussion concerning the percentage of reduction to the budget due to legislation.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--The City of Newberry has an apparatus that is pulled by a tractor that they use to smooth out their roads and it does an excellent job. He would like to know more about it.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:

--He expressed his appreciation to the Small County Coalition, the Sheriff's Association and the Florida Association of Counties. Because of their work in large part, the County's suffering under this legislative session was mitigated quite substantially. However, while Bradford County may be okay this year, should the constitutional amendment that has been proposed be adopted, it will mean a 20 to 24% cut to the current budget, which ultimately results in a reduction to service levels. It is absolute irresponsibility of legislators to start passing laws that they do not even know what the impact is to county budgets. He will invite Governor Crist to the budget process to tell us how 24% of the county's budget can be cut without cutting employees or services.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--The County needs to start preparing now for the cuts and not wait until they are upon us.

There was discussion regarding the content of the proposed constitutional amendments and how and when they will affect the County.

--Reported to Sheriff Milner that he has been made aware of a \$20,000.00 grant for animal control. It is too late to get this year, but application can be made for next year. Dr. Pennington would be glad to assist.

--He has been contacted about the boat ramps being in need of repairs. While the water levels are low, it may be a good time to work on them. Mr. Farrell has confirmed that there are funds available.

Mr. Crawford said that the funds that are available, he has plans to request that they be budgeted in the coming year as a match toward a fish and wildlife grant. The boat ramps are listed as belonging to Game and Fish and any major work performed on the ramps must be done with their cooperation and approval. He is aware of the problem and has been conferring with Game and Fish.

Chairman Lewis said that the Road Department has done some minor repairs to the Crosby Lake boat ramp.

Mr. Crawford said that the Crosby Lake boat ramp has been in need of major repairs for years. That is the one he would like to concentrate on with the available funds and the upcoming grant.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--The out-of-state forestry personnel have left. Although we have received some rain, as of the day before yesterday, eight different fires popped up from smoldering embers. Local forestry personnel will continue monitoring the situation.

--Advised that the gymnasium at the Middle School that is used for an emergency shelter will be undergoing repairs for the next 60 days.

Mr. Johns said it has been worked out.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – EDDIE J. LEWIS:

--As long as there is nothing pressing, he would like the Board to consider canceling the July 2 regular meeting. July 4 is a County holiday and there will be a lot of people out on vacation.

Commissioner Cooper said that he sees no problem; as long as the Board can advance authorize the payment of bills incurred per budget.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously canceled the meeting schedule for Monday, July 2, 2007, in honor of the Fourth of July holiday.

At this time, the Engineering Firms who submitted proposals were called into the meeting.

Mr. Brown advised that Mr. Crawford is in receipt of the [ranking sheets](#). The Commission has instructed Mr. Crawford to tally the rankings. Once he has done so, he will enter into negotiations with the top-ranked applicant concerning fees and costs. If terms are not agreed upon, then negotiations will begin with the #2 ranked applicant, and so on. Mr. Crawford will bring a recommendation to the Commission for formalization of the selection process.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk