

(08-16-07 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007**

BUDGET WORKSHOP	4:00 P.M.
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING	6:30 P.M.

**FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET WORKSHOP
4:00 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a budget workshop on Thursday, August 16, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' 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; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jimmy Alvarez, Property Appraiser and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Crawford said that the fiscal year 2007-2008 proposed budget before the Commission today is balanced using the rollback rate of 8.6769.

There was discussion during Mr. Crawford's review of the changes that were made to the budget in order to get it balanced. That discussion was not limited to but included adding a building inspector to the Building Department, the Fine and Forfeiture Fund budget and loss of inmate revenue, and the Library budget.

Mr. Crawford said that the budget has no funds for road special projects and begins reducing the fund balance in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund budget. The Commission could increase the millage rate by one-half a mill to 9.1769, to generate an additional \$449,000.00.

Discussion continued which was not limited to but included reducing services, increasing gas tax, lowering the millage rate and imposing assessments, the animal control budget, ad valorem tax amount comparison using different millage rates, and property values.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Crawford to research and report the revenue estimates for a special assessment for fire services and sheriff's patrol, uncollected gas tax, and a franchise fee.

Discussion resumed, which was not limited to but included millage rate options, imposing additional gas tax, setting the tentative millage rate at 9.1769 instead of 8.6769 and dedicating the additional revenue to special road projects and borrowing funds to pave roads.

(The next budget workshop was scheduled for August 23 at 10:00 a.m.)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the budget workshop adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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

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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; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Alex Hinely, County Planner; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Randall Zipperer, John Broling, County Attorney; and Brad Carter, Jail Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES:

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-10 (MCMILLIAN) – NORA THOMPSON:

In the absence of Ms. Thompson, Mr. Hinely 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 07-10, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) 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. Zoning Board 5-0 recommendation to approve.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 07-10. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-32.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-11 (WARD) – NORA THOMPSON:

Mr. Hinely 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 07-11, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RURAL AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO INDUSTRIAL (I) 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. Zoning Board 5-0 recommendation to approve.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. 07-11. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-33.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-12 (TRIST/LOTT) – NORA THOMPSON:

Mr. Hinely 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 07-12, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) 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. Zoning Board 5-0 recommendation to approve.

The following people spoke in opposition to the application: Mr. Robert Edons of 6881 CR 21B and Mr. Robert Drake of 6891 SE CR 21B.

The property owner/applicant, Mr. Donald Lott addressed the concerns expressed and explained the intended use of the property.

On Motion of Commissioner Heresy, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z07-12. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-34.](#))

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--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-13 (BOCC) – NORA THOMPSON:

Mr. Hinely 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 07-13, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) 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. Zoning Board 5-0 recommendation to approve.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 07-13. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-35.](#))

--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION NO. R 060721A (BOCC) – NORA THOMPSON:

Mr. Hinely read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, R 060721A, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, AND IN RESPONSE TO AN OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2007, PREPARED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY REDUCING THE DESIGNATED AREAS FOR HAMPTON AND LAWTEY; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY EXPANDING THE DESIGNATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREA FOR KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AND STARKE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES), AND FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) 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 Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. R 060721A. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-36.](#))

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APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR STATE AID FOR LIBRARY – PHALBE HENRIKSEN:

Mr. Crawford announced that this item would be moved to next regular meeting.

S.H.I.P. BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REHAB PROJECTS – ANGELA MACEY:

Ms. Macey presented the bid recommendations.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the [bid recommendations](#) as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF POD (POINT OF DISTRIBUTION) PLAN – BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns recommended approval of the plan as written.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved the POD Plan. (A copy of the plan is located in the Office of Emergency Management.)

ACCEPTANCE OF DEBRIS REMOVAL PLAN – BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns recommended approval of the plan. Incited by a question posed by Commissioner Hersey, Mr. Johns said that he would address the issue of “state declared disaster” versus “federal declared disaster” for reimbursement purposes.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Debris Removal Plan as presented. (A copy of the plan is located in the Office of Emergency Management.)

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTRACT – BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns said that the proposals were reviewed [and ranked](#). The lowest bid was submitted by DRC Emergency Services, LLC and meets all specifications. He would like to have a backup contractor this year. His recommendation would be to award the bid to DRC Emergency Services, LLC., and Crowder Gulf as a backup.

There was brief discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously awarded the bid to DRC Emergency Services, LLC., as the primary contractor, and Crowder Gulf as the secondary contractor.

RESOLUTIONS:

--FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FDOT FOR SE 144TH STREET – JIM CRAWFORD:

Mr. Crawford read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SE 144TH STREET FROM STATE ROAD 100 TO RAILROAD CROSSING.”

The award is for \$1,814,825.00. \$1,620,000.00 to be received in FY 07-08 and \$194,825.00 to be received in FY 08-09.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-23.](#))

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:

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

(A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jerry Kahn of 9418 SE 51st Loop – Repair of Road

--Asked if there is any intention to repair the remaining 4/10 of a mile of road damaged during the fires. It was his understanding that the road would be repaired as soon as the timber companies were finished cutting trees and no trees have been cut in over a month.

Mr. Crawford said that the only authorized repairs were for damage done by the fire trucks. The County has done all the repairs allowed. He has been out there since the timber company finished cutting the trees. Most of the places where they were cutting the trees the roads are in the same condition as when they started. The portion of the road that was damaged has been repaired.

Mr. Kahn asked what it would cost the residents to have the 4/10 of a mile repaired.

Mr. Crawford said that the County Attorney is researching the possibility of adopting a resolution or ordinance with verbiage authorizing the County Road Department to perform work on private roads, with a reimbursement contract with the residents. There is one other county in the state that has that procedure.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – JOHN BROLING: None.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:

A. HIGHLANDS DRI RESPONSE

Mr. Crawford asked Mr. Hinely to address the Commission regarding the Highlands Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Project taking place in Clay County, 3.5 miles north of Lawtey. This is a very large project that will affect Bradford County.

With the assistance of [Power Point](#), Mr. Hinely explained the proposed development, its affects on Bradford County and noted concerns. The DRI will be on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council agenda in December for consideration. Bradford County's response has been submitted to the Planning Council.

B. INCREASE IN LIMEROCK HAULING CONTRACT WITH PRITCHETT TRUCKING

Mr. Crawford said that six months remains on the lime rock hauling contract with Pritchett Trucking. The cost of lime rock has increased by \$1.00 per ton. Pritchett would like to either amend the contract for an additional \$1.00 per ton or exercise their right to cancel the contract.

Mr. Crawford said that he has verified the cost and their request is fair. He recommended that the Board amend the contract and to allow for the additional \$1.00 per ton for the remainder of the contract.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously [approved the request.](#)

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS CONTINUED – JIM CRAWFORD:

--Advised that he has prepared a [letter](#) for the Chairman's signature to Congressman Cliff Stearns requesting \$5.5 million for an overpass over SE 144th Street, which is the most logical place in the County for a railroad overpass. Resolution No. 07-23 adopted earlier provides funds to pave the road from HWY 301 to SR 100.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to execute the letter.

--Announced the hire of Dr. Jorge Gilete to begin work at the Health Department on September 14.

--Received a letter from FDOT informing that they are starting a Project Development and Environmental Study for a northern Starke bypass. Included in that letter was mention of the SE 144th project.

The SE 144th overpass approved earlier is a Community Improvement Grant (CIGP) project. He has submitted another request for the remainder of that project from SR100A to CR230, which would provide a complete SE bypass.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:

Reminded the Commissioners of the Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting set for August 23 at 9:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--Bradford County does not get as much attention from the Workforce Board (Florida Works) as Alachua County. This was discussed in his meeting last week with the Better Jobs, Better Wages Committee. They are more than willing to work with Bradford County. They have a project they are working on that will bring about \$500,000.00 into Bradford County. However, this Board and the City Commission, while working hand-in-hand with the Chamber of Commerce, need to develop a plan so they can move forward with the project to bring good, clean high-paying jobs to Bradford County.

Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Crawford and Mr. Hinely for their assistance.

Mr. Crawford said that they would need help from people in the community. If Alachua County has a plan, they can certainly review it and revise it to meet Bradford County's needs. Commissioner Cooper said that he could bring the Chamber of Commerce to the table.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – EDDIE J. LEWIS: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7: 20 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk