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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP – POSITION OF COUNTY MANAGER - 5:30 P.M.
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING - 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007**

**WORKSHOP
5:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Thursday, October 18, 2007, 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; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Brad Carter, Jail Administrator; Ron Lilly, CEO Chamber of Commerce; and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION – POSITION OF COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Crawford announced that three applications were picked up. However, only one was turned in, which was submitted by Brad Carter.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Carter's qualifications and experience.

(A recommendation for hire will be presented during the regular meeting.)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, October 18, 2007, 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; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of the Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Jim DeValerio, County Extension; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Major Pearson; Brad Carter, Jail Administrator; Terry Brown, County Attorney; and Winifred Holland, Health Department Director.

(See Supplemental File No. 10-18-07 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Norman offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 07-3 (BOCC):

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 07-3, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.5.2, ENTITLED PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE I SETBACKS FOR HOUSING ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4.5.5, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, DELETING CERTAIN USES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND ADDING ASSOCIATED AERONAUTICAL RELATED USES, TO AIRPLANE LANDING FIELDS WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT; 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.

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Following brief discussion and on *Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Development Regulation Amendment Application No. LDR 07-3.* (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-44.](#))

--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 07-6 (BOCC):

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 07-6, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4.17.5, ENTITLED SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, ADDING NON-CONFORMING WRECKING YARDS, AS SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS WITHIN A FLOOD ZONE A OR AE DISTRICT; 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 Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Development Regulation Amendment Application No. LDR 07-6. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-45.](#))

--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 07-7 (BOCC):

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 07-7, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 5.26.2.4, ENTITLED STANDARD IMPROVEMENT, LOCAL STREETS, PROVIDING FOR REDUCING THE WIDTH OF STREET WEARING SURFACE FROM 20 FEET TO 18 FEET FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5.26.2.5, ENTITLED STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS, MARGINAL ACCESS STREETS, PROVIDING FOR REDUCING THE WIDTH OF STREET WEARING SURFACE FROM 20 FEET TO 18 FEET FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5.26.2.7, ENTITLED STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS, STABILIZED SHOULDERS, PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCING STABILIZED SHOULDER, WHERE SIDEWALKS ARE REQUIRED FROM SIX FEET TO FIVE FEET; AMENDING SECTION 5.26.2.8, ENTITLED STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS, ROADSIDE SWALES, PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE 4 TO 1 RATIO FROM SIDE SLOPE AND BACK SLOPE TO FRONT SLOPE; AMENDING SECTION 5.26.9, ENTITLED, STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS, SUBGRADE, PROVIDING FOR STABILIZING SUBGRADE TO A MINIMUM LIMEROCK BEARING RATIO OF 40 AND REMOVING OF UNSTABLE SOILS AS CLASSIFIED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS IN THE SUBGRADE AND REPLACING WITH ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL; AMENDING SECTION 5.26.2.11, ENTITLED STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS, WEARING SURFACE, PROVIDING FOR ONE AND ONE-FOUR INCH OF TYPE S-III ASPHALTIC CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE WEARING SURFACE ON STREETS IN ALL SUBDIVISIONS; 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.

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On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Development Regulation Amendment Application No. LDR 07-7. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-46.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-16 (KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY):

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 07-16, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) 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.

After first being duly sworn by Mr. Brown, Mr. Michael Woodward of 501 Atlantic Ave., Interlachen, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Woodward said that he practices land use law in Interlachen. He is here at the request of Eric and Esther Piper. What is being proposed cannot legally be accomplished by means of the rezoning being sought in this application without a couple of other things being done first. He distributed [copies of a portion of the County's Comprehensive Plan](#) (Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Amendments), and presented his argument. The proposed amendment violates chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes and the County's Comprehensive Plan. Also, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff has recommended denial of the application.

After fist being duly sworn by Mr. Brown, Mr. Dean Weaver, Aviation Chairman for the Keystone Heights Airpark Authority, addressed the Commission regarding the traffic element cited in the Planning Council's recommendation to deny the application.

Mr. Brown said that he was not aware of this issue before the meeting. He would tend to agree with Mr. Woodward concerning the land use designation. Should the Planning Council have a different opinion, he would like to see their explanations in writing. He is also concerned about the Planning Council's recommendation for denial of the application.

Incited by a question from Commissioner Cooper, Mr. Brown advised that this public hearing can be continued and brought back at a later date without going through the advertisement process as long as the hearing is set for a date certain. He recommended a Planning Council staff member attend the hearing to offer testimony.

There was some discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to continue this public hearing to Monday, November 5, 2007, at a Special Meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m.

FIRST READINGS (NOT FOR ADOPTION)

--BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. CPA 07-3:

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 SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 07-3, PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD A POLICY CONCERNING COORDINATION WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD PUBLIC FACILITIES LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS AND TO AMEND THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; 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.

There was brief discussion.

TURKEY CREEK PLAT APPROVAL -- NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson said that the site is located at the corner of Crawford Road and 35th Avenue. All required parties have reviewed and approved the plat.

There was some discussion concerning road requirements for minor subdivisions. Ms. Thompson advised that she has started the process for the requirement of paving dirt roads in minor subdivisions.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Turkey Creek Plat as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE INCREASE OF \$608.84 FOR LIBRARY UPGRADES**
- B. NCFRPC ANNUAL PLANNING AGREEMENT \$21,000**
- C. SIGN FOR COUNTY LIBRARY**

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

RC&D (RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT) COUNCIL PRESENTATION – TOM CUNILIO:

Mr. Jim DeValerio introduced Volunteer Coordination of the Florida RC&D Council, Mr. Tom Cunilio, to the Commission.

Mr. Cunilio distributed copies of a [brochure](#) to the Commissioners. Through a [Power-Point presentation](#), he gave a detailed explanation of the activities and services of the Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Mr. Cunilio asked the Commission for a letter of support to include in their application package to the chief of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services Agency in Washington, D.C.

Chairman Lewis briefly commented on Mr. Cunilio's presentation.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to execute a letter of support on behalf of the Commission.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – C.J. PIPKINS:

Ms. Pipkins, Assistant Executive Director for the Escambia County Housing Authority addressed the Commission. This is a public hearing to approve the cost of issuance of tax-exempt bonds. Local lenders will then provide below market interest rates and down payment assistance. There is no cost or liability to Bradford County. For Bradford County to participate in the program, a resolution and interlocal agreement are required. The public hearing has been advertised.

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

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO FINANCE QUALIFYING SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE LOANS ON BEHALF OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY AND TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; APPROVING A FORM OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000,000 SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING THAT SUCH BONDS CONSTITUTE LIMITED, SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-30.](#))

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APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR TDC ACTIVITIES – RON LILLY:

Mr. Lilly gave an update on the progress of the conference center. Monies are available to approve the following funding requests out of the bed tax: Santa Fe Community College, \$1500.00 for the fall festival, Main Street Starke, \$2500.000 for the Strawberry Festival, and \$250.00 for FACVB membership. The request to be paid out of the operating account is: \$1500.00 for engineering drawings for the second phase of build out of the conference center. TDC has approved the requests.

Incited by a question of Commissioner Cooper, Clerk Norman and Mr. Crawford indicated that there are adequate monies in the TDC accounts to cover the expenditures.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the [expenditure requests](#) as presented.

BUZZ BUSTERS MOSQUITO PROGRAM UPDATE – JIM DEVALERIO:

Mr. DeValerio said that since the County partially funds the program through the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation Board, he wanted to provide the Commission with an update on the program's progress and how the funds are being used. Mr. DeValerio reviewed a [slideshow](#) to assist with his presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE:

--RELATING TO WIND SPEED CONTOUR LINES – WILSON WHIDDEN:

Mr. Whidden explained that when DCA created the wind zone map for Bradford County when the building code was adopted, there was a small piece north of CR125 and east of HWY 301 that was actually 110 mph; the rest of the County was 100 mph. By adopting this ordinance, the entire County will be one speed zone of 100 mph.

Mr. Whidden read a segment of the ordinance relating to wind speed lines.

The title of the ordinance is as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE BY DELETING PROVISIONS THEREIN WHICH HAD ADOPTED THE 1994 STANDARD BUILDING CODE; THE 1994 STANDARD PLUMBING CODE; THE 1994 MECHANICAL CODE; THE 1994 STANDARD GAS CODE; AND THE 1996 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; AND REPLACING SAME WITH PROVISIONS FOR ADOPTING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; ADOPTING THE 1999 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; ADOPTING WIND SPEED LINES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance as presented. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-47.](#))

CONSIDER CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY MANAGER POSITION – JIM CRAWFORD:

Mr. Crawford said that resulting from the earlier workshop and the Board's decision to make an offer to the candidate, he recommends a motion to authorize the Chairman to negotiate a contract to be brought before the Commission for approval at the November 5 regular meeting.

Commissioner Cooper said that it should be clarified that the selection was the result of an in-house search, which is pursuant to personnel policies and procedures, and the candidate is Mr. Brad Carter.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to negotiate a contract with Brad Carter, to be brought to the Commission for final approval at the November 5, 2007 regular meeting.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER COOPER:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Oscar Hoilman, Mr. Robert Mason and Mr. Daniel Johnson –Paving of NW 180th Street:

--NW 180th Street has been on the paving schedule for years and needs to be paved. During the rainy season, the road is almost impassable.

Mr. Crawford said that NW 180th Street is one of the last three roads left on the priority list established by resolution.

Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Crawford if anything could be done to get the residents some relief until the road can be paved.

Mr. Crawford said that the County just received 7" of rain. There was 140 miles of dirt roads in the same condition. Once 180th gets to the point where it can be graded and packed, it will be taken care of.

Mr. Jack McDaniel, 6143 Navarre Avenue, Hampton (352-468-2934) – Stopped up culvert at the intersection of CR221 & CR18:

--Mr. McDaniel showed the Board pictures of a stopped up culvert that forces water to back up on his property. He asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the culvert.

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Mr. Crawford said that the culvert is located inside the city limits of Hampton. He will have the Road Department look into it to see if there is anything they can do to help.

Mr. Sam Loiacano, – Status of Code Enforcement Complaint, 17th Avenue and 150th St. on Griffis Loop and the proposed paving of 144th Ave. (Mullins Grade):

--He has heard nothing about the Code Enforcement Complaint he filed. If something is not done, it is going to cause a serious accident.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Crawford to make sure County staff contacts Mr. Loiacano. He explained to Mr. Loiacano that the Commission must be careful not to get involved in the code enforcement process until that process is complete.

--He recently attended a DOT meeting regarding the proposed paving of 144th Avenue. He does not see where there would be any benefit to the County.

Chairman Lewis explained that the project would be done with state and federal monies; no county funds will be used. The project will eventually include an overpass for emergency vehicles to get over the railroad.

Mr. John B. Lee, Jr., 8932 SE 50th Ave., Hampton – 51st Loop still not repaired.

--The residents of 51st Loop have been coming to the Commission since May and nothing has been done to repair the road. The last meeting they attended, they were under the impression the road would be repaired.

Mr. Crawford said nobody indicated that the road would be repaired. The citizens were told that they would go look at the road again, and they did. He and Commissioner Hersey just went out to look at the section in question. This particular section was not damaged by any log trucks. They went back out after that and graded the road, and it was in better shape than before. This is all that FEMA will allow.

The citizens were also promised that an ordinance and resolution that would allow the County to repair private roads would be drafted for the Commission's review. This has been done, and is an item to be addressed later on in this meeting.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Ms. Arlene Cooper, 9132 SE 51st Loop, and Mr. Jerry Kahn, 9418 SE 51st Loop, both addressed the Commission regarding the road.

There was additional discussion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRADFORD COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BRADFORD COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM AS OFFERED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented. (The Resolution was assigned No. 02-31.)

B. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BRADFORD COUNTY TO REPAIR PRIVATELY OWNED DIRT ROADS

C. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REPAIR OF PRIVATE DIRT ROADS

Mr. Brown said that the proposed ordinance would authorize the County, under certain circumstances, to work on private dirt roads. The ordinance requires the establishment of policies and procedures for so doing. The proposed resolution establishes those policies and procedures.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of the ordinance as presented.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:

A. COMPLETION DATE FOR NE 185TH AND NE 28TH

Mr. Crawford advised that he could not get a commitment from Ellington Construction. However, they have promised they will stay on the road until they are finished.

B. APPROVE HIRING MR. TIMOTHY WILSON AS COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Mr. Crawford said that the Extension Board interviewed Mr. Wilson. They are in 100% agreement to offer him the job of CED. Dr. Baldwin is in the process of making an offer to Mr. Wilson.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the hire of Timothy Wilson as CED, upon his acceptance of the offer.

C. MULLINS GRADE RECOMMENDATION RAYONIER PROPERTY

Mr. Crawford displayed a map delineating Mullins Grade Road and the surrounding property. There has been discussion concerning the purchase of the property north of Mullins Grade for future County use. Mr. Crawford recommended that the Board consider the purchase of the property using Fiscally

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Constrained Funds. The long-range plan would be to relocate the Road Department to this site. There are 46.5 acres for \$488,250.00. The County would recoup about 15 to \$20,000.00 for the right-of-way portions for the paving of Mullins Grade.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included the guarantee of receiving fiscally constrained funds, paving roads with fiscally constrained funds versus purchasing the property, funds dedicated to paving roads in the 07-08 budget, and establishing a partnership with the Development Authority for the expansion of the Industrial Park.

Commissioner Chandler expressed his thoughts for not supporting the purchase of the property.

Commissioner Thomas said that he could not vote to purchase the property because he owns two acres of property in the Industrial Park and it would be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Cooper said that he would bring additional details and a proposed contract to the Commission at the November 5 regular meeting. He will try to have the Development Authority at that meeting.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--During the recent heavy rains, he received tremendous assistance from the Road Department, i.e. they came out on Sunday morning and helped residents in and out and repaired the road.

The Water Management District needs to re-evaluate the County's drainage/flooding problems. The County has come a long way and does a good job. However, there is so much more we need to do for our citizens. He represents the people who put him in office and he needs to work as hard as he can to get them what they need.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:

--Expressed his appreciation to the Commission and the entire County for the thoughts and prayers over the last couple of weeks; they were very much appreciated.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Expressed his appreciation to the Road Department for the work they were able to do during the recent heavy rains.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--He inquired about the County Road Department performing the work under the MSBU procedure established.

Commissioner Cooper said that the MSBU procedure created does not restrict how the work is done. Either the residents can pay the County to do the work, or depending on the nature of the work, it may

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be better for the County to pay a private contractor to do the work. The secret is that the people within the unit must pay the cost and they define the level of service they want.

--Commissioner Hersey asked to revisit the earlier discussion concerning S.E. 51st Loop.

Chairman Lewis said that based on direction from Mr. Brown who provided appropriate language to authorize the work; it was his understanding that the County was going to take care of the road. Before this meeting adjourns, the residents need an answer.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cooper said that the local state of emergency gives the County the opportunity to go in and repair a road that otherwise we would not have the legal authority to do. An analogy would be that one of the County's trucks backs into the corner of a house. That house has to be fixed back to code, not to what it was. Although the County should not spend \$100,000.00 on lime rock and paving, we should use this opportunity, err on the side of helping some people that otherwise could not be helped, and fix the road.

Following discussion and on *Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously authorized to fix the road.*

Mr. Crawford said that he would determine what "fix" is. Commissioner Cooper instructed Mr. Crawford to err on the side of helping the residents. Mr. Crawford said he would. They have done that and will continue to do that. He will go back out there and do his very best to satisfy whatever that is and do it.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – EDDIE J. LEWIS:

--Announced the Library Grand Opening set for 2:30 p.m., October 26, 2007.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 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