

(11-05-07 Regular Scheduled Meeting)

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, November 5, 2007, at 9:30 a.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 and Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Ron Lilly, CEO Chamber of Commerce; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Sheriff Milner; Alex Hinely, County Planner; Carol Starling, Jail Administrator; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Mark Crawford, Press; and Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director.

(See Supplemental File No. 11-05-07 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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES:

--AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE REPAIR OF PRIVATELY OWNED DIRT ROADS—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE, AUTHORIZING BRADFORD COUNTY TO REPAIR PRIVATELY OWNED DIRT ROADS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Tom Tatum spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Jose Guach of Keystone Heights addressed the Commission regarding the repair of SE 42nd and 43rd Streets and SE 5th Avenue.

Commissioner Cooper said that this ordinance would allow the County, at the expense of the residents, to maintain private roads.

This spurred discussion regarding private roads and MSBU's.

Mr. Crawford said that the residents of SE 42nd Street have petitioned the County for an MSBU to pave that road. He has heard nothing from the residents of SE 43rd Street. The County can get roads done much more reasonably by doing as much of the work as possible and then have a contractor lay the asphalt. The residents would then be assessed taxes through an MSBU to pay the County back.

There was additional discussion regarding MSBU's.

Malcolm Hill spoke in opposition to the Ordinance.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 07-48.](#))

RESOLUTIONS:

--POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR REPAIR OF PRIVATELY OWNED DIRT ROADS—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REPAIR OF PRIVATE DIRT ROADS IN BRADFORD COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FEES FOR SUCH REPAIR.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-32.](#))

--NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2008-2012, AS PREPARED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-33.](#))

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--EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED EMPLOYMENT GOALS FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.”

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The Resolution was assigned No. 07-34.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007, TO ADOPT F/Y 07-08 TENTATIVE MILLAGE/BUDGET**
- B. MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF AUGUST 23, 2007**
- C. BUDGET AMENDMENT**
- D. SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE FOR SADIE DESUE**
- E. PROCLAMATION FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2007**

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SENIOR CENTER GRANT APPLICATION—ANGELA MACEY:

Ms. Macey updated the Commission on the progress of a grant from the Department of Elder Affairs for the construction of a senior center.

Commissioner Cooper said that the legislature, thanks primarily to Rep. Aaron Bean, earmarked for this County \$900,000.00 to construct a senior center. However, Governor Crist vetoed that request. They have since established a grant program through the Department of Elder Affairs to allow counties to apply for funds to construct senior centers. They have been working with the North Florida Regional Planning Council to get the grant put together. The deadline to apply is November 26.

The Commission previously voted to apply for the grant. However, they felt it important to bring it back to the Commission today.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the grant application.

BID RECOMMENDATION FOR HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM PROJECT—ANGELA MACEY:

Ms. Macey recommended that the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program Project be awarded to [Florida Homes, Inc. for \\$68,769.00.](#)

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation as presented.

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APPROVE COUNTY MANAGER CONTRACT WITH BRADLEY D. CARTER—JIM CRAWFORD:

Mr. Brown presented the proposed contract. It is substantially identical in form to the one prepared and used for the employment of Mr. Crawford. There is a slight change as to the terms.

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

Sheriff Milner introduced Capt. Carol Starling as the new Jail Administrator. Capt. Starling has over 30 years experience with the Department of Corrections. She has tremendous technical and people skills and will do a marvelous job. Capt. Zipperer will be moving to the Sheriff's side of the house as the personnel officer, grant writer, and managing animal control.

Capt. Starling said she has enjoyed the past year working with the Sheriff at the jail and appreciates this new opportunity. She is looking forward to making the Bradford County Jail one of the best.

Sheriff Milner said that later in the meeting the Commission would be considering an agreement with the City of Starke relating to police and fire dispatch. The project is going very well. Beginning next Monday, they will be in-house functioning out of CDC. If the Commission approves the agreement, effective January 1, 2008, they will all become employees of the Sheriff's Office and will begin answering all 9-1-1 calls as Bradford County Public Safety, rather than the Sheriff's Office or Police Department.

COMMUNITY FUND CONTRIBUTION—DAVID WRIGHT:

Mr. David Wright, representing the DuPont Florida Plant, announced that Bradford County is the winner of a \$4,000.00 DuPont grant. The grant will provide funds for emergency services of the County, which includes emergency response personnel as well as firefighters.

Mr. Wright presented the Commission with a \$4,000.00 check to be used at the discretion of the Board to improve and enhance the emergency response capabilities within the County.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER HERSEY:

On Motion of Commissioner Heresy, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Malcolm Hill – Budget Issues and Fire Inspector:

--He does not agree with the County using road money to build an industrial park.

--Asked the Commission to require departments to live within the line items in their budgets and not allow them to move funds from one line item to another.

--He questioned a County advertisement for the hire of a fire inspector.

Mr. Crawford advised that the advertisement appeared in the Telegraph, the Gainesville Sun and on the County's website. He has received about 25 applications from those advertisements.

Commissioner Cooper said that the fire inspector issue was discussed during the budget process and is required by statute.

--Mr. Hill referred to Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation". He asked the Commission to consider authorizing the construction of a memorial to recognize the people who were born between 1917 and 1945, who contributed to the war effort. Private citizen contributions would probably cover the expense.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

A. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STARKE AND BRADFORD COUNTY FOR POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH

Mr. Brown presented the agreement for consideration.

Based on the fact the City has dealt with the Agreement and the Sheriff has no objections: *On Motion of Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the [agreement](#) as presented.*

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – JIM CRAWFORD:

A. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON MULLINS GRADE ROAD

Mr. Crawford said that there have been a few changes since the last meeting. Rayonier has pulled the north 46 acres out of Todd Workman's contract. He sent a letter to Rayonier expressing the County's interest in purchasing the property. Rayonier has not formally responded to the letter, but they have advised that the County may submit a non-binding proposal.

Commissioner Cooper said that he brought this proposal to the Board. He is not prepared at this point to ask the Board to do anything. He would like time to work with the Development Authority and bring it back at a later date.

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Mr. Tom Tatum said that if the Commission does decide to purchase the property, to get it as cheap as possible and not to spend road money to buy it.

Mrs. Sylvia Tatum addressed the Commission concerning negotiating with Rayonier, proper procedures for purchasing property and where such purchases fall within the County's budget, the County's timetable for budget workshops and lots in the Industrial Park. She said that she favors the purchase of the property as long as it is at a good price, that the right procedures are followed, and it is purchased with the right money and not by taking money away from something else.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:

Chairman Lewis advised that Mr. Farrell presented him with a [letter from the Tax Collector](#) reporting the return of excess fees for 2006-2007.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--The new equipment purchased for the Road Department does a great job and will be a very efficient piece of equipment. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crawford and the Road Department for acquiring the equipment. The County will never have enough money to keep all the roads in good shape. However, we want to be as efficient with what we have as possible, while keeping funds available to handle emergencies. Every citizen deserves a decent road to ride on. He wholly supports improvements to the Road Department to better serve the citizens.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:

--Flume Road is being resurfaced under the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP). Flume Road has become a walking loop, which is a safety issue. A sidewalk was initially included in the plans. However, even with inmate labor, there is a \$12,000.00 shortage to purchase enough concrete for the sidewalk. Commissioner Cooper requested authorization to work with staff to locate funds to finish sidewalk.

Commissioner Chandler said that Market Road does not seem to be any wider than before. Mr. Crawford said that it was widened from 18' to 21', which still seems narrow compared to a 25' road. He is very pleased with the work performed by Hipp Construction on Market Road and they are now ready to begin Flume Road.

There was additional discussion regarding the Flume Road sidewalk.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure of an additional \$12,000.00 for the resurfacing and sidewalk for Flume Road. Those monies to come from the fiscally constrained monies set aside for capital projects, or from a source recommended by the Clerk.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--He has roads in his district that need attention. When he brings his wishes to the Board, he hopes they will give him the same consideration as has been shown to other Commissioners.

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Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--The earlier action of adopting the ordinance regarding private roads was a very good decision and will benefit the citizens.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – EDDIE J. LEWIS:

--He asked for an update concerning the Hampton Lake sidewalk project.

Mr. Crawford explained that when CR18 was resurfaced with state grant money, there were funds leftover. As long as the funds are spent on the road and you do the job they said to do, to their standards, the state is very liberal. About \$6,000.00 was used to do surveying for the sidewalk. No additional work can be done until funds become available.

There was brief discussion regarding adding the sidewalk to the list for DOT Enhancement Projects. Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Crawford and Mr. Carter to make sure they keep track of the progress of the sidewalk.

Mr. Crawford commented on the following:

--For clarification purposes, Mr. Crawford said that there has never been a dime of road money diverted to any other cause and it certainly would not be used to purchase property.

--He appreciates the privilege to serve as County Manager and the support he received from the Board. His heart's desire was to give something back to his community and to serve the people through the Commission. He has a great sense of self-satisfaction that he has done that. He will continue to work for Bradford County in every way he can. He loves the County and its people and they deserve everything they can get for their tax dollars.

Chairman Lewis expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crawford for his service.

Chairman Lewis reminded the Commission that there is no mid-month meeting in November and the special meeting scheduled for 5:30 this evening has been cancelled.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD