

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Lewis.

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant, Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; John Broling, County Attorney; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Sheriff Milner; Mark Crawford, Press; and Percy Sullivan, Fire Chief.

(See Supplement File No. 01-17-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-15 (Richardson) – 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 07-15, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) 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.”

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

Ms. Thompson advised the Zoning Board's recommendation was 5-0 to approve.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. 07-15. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-01.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 07-17 (Jewell) – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 07-17, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) 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 Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Thompson advised the Zoning Board's recommendation was 5-0 to approve.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. 08-02. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-02.](#))

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR MINOR SUBDIVISIONS – NORA THOMPSON:

A. SUNSET LAKES

Ms. Thompson presented the plat to the Commission for review and discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the plat for Sunset Lakes Minor Subdivision.

B. LAWTEY PINES

Ms. Thompson presented the plat to the Commission for review and discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the plat for Lawtey Pines.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR COURTHOUSE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM -- \$4,832.00

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

KEYSTONE AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ROBERT CANADY:

Mr. Dean Weaver, representing the Keystone Heights Airpark Authority, addressed the Commission. The Airpark Authority is soliciting a commitment from Bradford County to approve the concept of a project to construct a road leading into the Airpark being name either Industrial Park Road or Commerce Center Road. The Authority will pay the material costs and secure any necessary permits. The State of Florida has awarded the Authority a \$900,000.00. That grant is specific to four projects; one of those projects is this road. This will provide the funds to pay for the asphalt and limerock.

About a year and a half ago, it was the belief of then County Manager Jim Crawford that the County would be able to assist with labor and materials with the understanding that the Authority would provide the limerock and the asphalt and pay the cost of installing the pavement.

The project is designed to put a commerce center road into the airport. The property is 100% located in Bradford County. The project will open the area up for development and eventually put the property back on the tax rolls. They are currently pursuing a land use amendment to include another 20-acre parcel. Mr. Carter, Jerome Kelley and Paul Funderburk have been out to the site. The Bradford County Economic Development Council has supported the project. He is scheduled to meet with staff in the Governor's Office tomorrow and would like to be able to say that at least in concept, Bradford County supports the project.

For clarification purposes, Mr. Bob Canady, also a member of the Airpark Authority, addressed the Commission. In his initial meeting with Mr. Crawford, they discussed Bradford County providing available resources of equipment and in-house equipment operators. The Authority would furnish any external funding. The only thing they are looking for from the County Commission is support of the concept and to put the project on the County schedule. Assuming the maintenance schedule for 2008 can handle helping them, that they can procure all necessary permits and assuming the outcome of the upcoming vote does not drastically affect the County's capabilities to provide assistance.

Mr. Carter said that staff is comfortable recommending continued support of the concept. It has been stressed upon and agreed that there needs to be flexibility with regard to timeframes and costs.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the length of the proposed road and the positive economic impact and job opportunities for the County.

Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Carter to make sure regular road maintenance and road priorities do not suffer during the project.

Commissioner Chandler said that he approves the concept. However, he does not want to see time constraints placed on the Road Department nor have them taken off regular road maintenance. He would like Mr. Carter and Mr. Funderburk to come up with an estimate on how much time the project will take and what the project is going to cost the County.

Mr. Carter said that they would come back to the Commission before they spend any time or money.

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On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the concept and authorized the County Manager to work with the Authority within the County's means and resources.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – CHAIRMAN CHANDLER:

Chairman Chandler advised that he reviewed the bills and recommends payment.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Olin – Mowing of ditches:

-- Mr. Olin asked that the County mow the ditches in his mobile home park. The ditches have not been mowed in the 10 years.

Chairman Chandler said that if the County were unable to, they would get an inmate crew to take care of it.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Broling reported on the following:

--He has provided the Commission copies of a proposed ordinance with regard to local option gas taxes. The proposed tax, if enacted, would take affect in January of '09 and would run for a period of 10 years up to December 31, 2018. The reason for the 10 years is that the current six-cents of gas tax is set to expire in 2018, which will make them all expire at the same time and if they had to be renewed, they could be renewed at the same time.

Mr. Broling advised that enactment of this ordinance requires an extraordinary vote of the Commission, which is a majority plus one (4-1).

There was brief discussion.

Mr. Broling provided some statistics on gas tax amounts for various counties with the state.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board voted 4 to 1, to advertise the ordinance. (Commissioner Thomas dissented.)

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER: Mr. Carter advised that he has noted Mr. Olin's request.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Inquired about the status of the Patterson property land use and rezoning issue.

Ms. Thompson advised that the County's code relating to the hearing process has been amended. According to Mr. Brown, we are waiting for Mr. Patterson to advise who his legal representative will be before it moves forward.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--Met with the City concerning the solid waste issue. The City has requested another meeting.

--He received an invitation from the St. Johns Water Management District regarding their annual meeting. He will attend the meeting, if the Commission desires him to do so.

--There is a conflict with the courts regarding the Christmas holiday schedule. To resolve the conflict, the County holidays need to change from Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 to Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

In addition, the Commission had approved February 18, 2008, President's Day, a discretionary holiday. Chairman Chandler said that it would cost the County about \$27,000.00 to grant this additional holiday. Due to the uncertainty of the budget, it is his contention not to grant the holiday for 2008. It can be re-addressed for 2009.

Commissioner Cooper said that the Board gave the Chairman discretion regarding President's Day. That being said, the holiday will not be honored for 2008.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to change the Christmas Holidays as presented.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09

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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS