

(04-07-08 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 9:30 a.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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Department Superintendent; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Sheriff Milner; Ron Lilly, Chamber CEO; Capt. Randall Zipperer; Tim Wilson, County Extension Director; Percy Sullivan, Fire Chief; and Jim Farrell, Finance Director

(See Supplement File No. 04-07-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hersey offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2008**
- C. BID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHIP HOUSING REHAB**
- D. SHIP LOANS (ARNAY, BRADLEY, HENDRIETH, WALKER)**
- E. SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES (DEMPS, ALDRIDGE, DEBERRY, MACK & WILLIAMS)**

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- F. RENEWAL OF CURRENT COPCN'S FOR CENTURY AMBULANCE SERVICE AND BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- G. AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- H. PROCLAMATION – 13TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WEEK "CELEBRATING PARENTS AND CHILDREN"
- I. PROCLAMATION – "CHILD CARE APPRECIATION DAY"
- J. APPOINT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPLICANT, DAISY COLEMAN WILLIAMS, TO REPLACE MALCOLM HILL AND PROVIDE REPRESENTATION IN DISTRICT V
- K. BRADFORD COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY GRANT REQUESTS
 - a. NFRCC "STARKE DOWNTOWN CRUZ-IN - \$1,500.00
 - b. MAIN STREET STARKE, INC. 10TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - \$2,500.00
 - c. NFRCC 3RD ANNUAL STARKE MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL - \$5,000.00

Commissioner Thomas asked that Item "J" be pulled for discussion. There was brief discussion. The item will be addressed later in the meeting.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the [Consent Agenda](#), with the removal of Item "J".

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE / SERVICE PLAN FOR X-RAY SCANNER FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY – LIEUT. GAIL RUSSELL:

Lieut. Russell explained that the one-year warranty for the x-ray machine expires this month. He is requesting to enter into a maintenance contract. There are three different plans available. The most cost effective plan is the Platinum Plan at \$4,500.00 annually, which would be his recommendation.

There was discussion regarding the funding of the proposed expenditure.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the [proposal for a Platinum Plan Maintenance Contract](#) at \$4,500.00.

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY [ANNUAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2006 THROUGH JULY 2007](#)—
GLEN DAVIS & NICOLE HOWARD:**

Nicole Howard and Glen Davis briefly touched on a few items contained in the Annual Report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER HERSEY:

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, 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 of Courts.)

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ITEM “J” FROM CONSENT AGENDA – APPOINT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPLICANT, DAISY COLEMAN WILLIAMS, TO REPLACE MALCOLM HILL AND PROVIDE REPRESENTATION IN DISTRICT V:

Mr. Hill distributed a [handout](#) to the Commission, which explained his viewpoint concerning his replacement on the Code Enforcement Board. He has served on the Code Enforcement Board for ten years and has missed one meeting. He would like to continue serving on the board.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Brown to address a statement in Mr. Hill’s handout where he claims that a conversation between Mr. Tyler and Mr. Carter is a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Brown said that Mr. Tyler had full legal rights to converse with the County Manager, as does any department head, any singular elected official, and each Commissioner. This is not a Sunshine violation. It would be a violation for two Code Enforcement Board members to talk outside a meeting concerning a matter coming to them.

Chairman Chandler said that a Commissioner may appoint Mr. Hill to an At Large seat once one becomes available.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Daisy Williams to the Code Enforcement Board as District V Representative, in place of Mr. Hill.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jason Jennings of 2162 NE 154th Street, Starke – CIS Benefit Run

Communities in Schools (CIS) would like to have a “Benefit Run” to raise funds for students who cannot afford college. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at Shands @ Starke. Mr. Jennings gave the specifics of the event. Following the “Run”, there will be a pancake breakfast at the Country Club and a “Kid’s Run”. Trophies, ribbons, and t-shirts will be presented. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Sharon Detlefsen of 20031 NE 20th Lane, Lawtey – Problems in Strawberry Acres:

--On March 18, 2008, a County rescue unit traveling too fast down her road hit and killed two goats. In her opinion, what this driver did was irresponsible and he is a liability to the County.

--Expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their help with the loud music problem. However, the same resident who was the cause of the loud music is terrorizing the neighborhood. They speed down the road and tear the road up, throw beer bottles in her pasture, and let their bulldogs run loose. They no longer feel safe in their neighborhood because of one individual.

Ms. Detlefsen said that any assistance the County could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Chairman Chandler asked Sheriff Milner and Mr. Carter to look into the situation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

--Mr. Brown introduced Will Sexton, the newest member of his firm.

Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Brown about the correspondence he received regarding the Big River Development Property Annexation.

Mr. Brown said it is for informational purposes to meet statutory requirements.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

--Community Development has a new employee.

Ms. Macey introduced Kelly Canady who has been working for her for about two months and is doing a great job.

--Ms. Holland asked him to announce the Women's Health Fair, being held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on May 10, from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Health Department.

Chairman Chandler said that he appreciates the Farmer's Market. It is an asset to the community.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Thomas both expressed their appreciation to the Road Department for their work and cooperation.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:

--The Legislative Session is ongoing. The County is actually in a better position than a couple of weeks ago through the efforts of FAC, the Small County Coalition, and our lobbyists. There is funding in both the Senate and House side for solid waste grants. Probably not at the full level, but at least at the prior year level.

There are also monies in the Senate and the House budgets for the buy out of the affects of Amendment I on fiscally constrained counties. The amounts are substantial, but since they are in both budgets there is hope that we will have some money at the end of the process.

Some disappointing news is that it appears that SCRAP will go a couple of years un-funded, probably the 2010-2011 timeframe. Everything in SCRAP that has been approved will be funded. When SCRAP does come back, they hope it will be fully funded without a sunset clause.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--He is excited that the park at Pleasant Grove will be opening soon.

--Although things look better for the County, we will still be a challenge on home rule rights. It is Tallahassee's goal to control local governments and take away home rule. Our lobbyists, FAC and the Small County Coalition are working to protect the home rule rights.

--The vendor who provides mosquito control supplies also contracts with counties for spraying of mosquitoes. This can mean a savings of about 15 to \$20,000.00. This can be discussed further during a workshop session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk