

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

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, April 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; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Phalbe Henriksen, Library Director; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Major Pearson; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; and Tim Wilson, CED.

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(See Supplement File No. 04-17-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

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**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Chandler Offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES**

**--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 08-1 (Lee Saunders, Agent for Melrose Land Group, LLC) – 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 TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 08-1, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-2) TO RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (RSF-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Planning Council staff has reviewed the amendment and found it to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. They have also reviewed the amendment according to the guidelines outlined in Section 16.22 of the Land Development Regulations and it is consistent with all criterion. Therefore, the application is being recommended for approval.

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted an ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 08-1. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-16.](#))*

**--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 080228A (Travis Rogers, Agent for Barrett Maine Corp.) – NORA THOMPSON:**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S 080228 A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Planning Council staff has reviewed the amendment and found it to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, the application is being recommended for approval.

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S080228A. The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-17.](#)*

**--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 080228 B (Homayoun and Mojgan Rafati) – NORA THOMPSON:**

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S 080228B, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Planning Council staff has reviewed the amendment and found it to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, the application is being recommended for approval.

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

*On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S080228B. [The Ordinance was assigned No. 08-18](#)*

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. REAPPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE-YEAR TERM—Rhonda Carter, Charles Nabywanee and Daisy Williams (May 2008 through April 2011)**
- B. SHIP HOME REPAIR LOANS AND PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS**

Being related to one of the applicants for a SHIP Home Repair Loan, Chairman Chandler declared a conflict with Item “B”.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the [Consent Agenda.](#) ( [Chairman Chandler’s Disclosure of Voting Conflict.](#))*

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER HERSEY:**

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

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:** None

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:**

**a. Reappoint E.W. Hodges, Jr. to the SREC**

Suwannee River Economic Council has requested either reappointment of Mr. E.W. Hodges, Jr. or the appointment of a new representative.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously re-appointed Mr. [E.W. Hodges, Jr.](#), to the [Suwannee River Economic Council](#).*

**b. Approve 15% Fuel Surcharge to Current Freight Rate with Pritchett Trucking for Hauling Limerock**

Pritchett Trucking has [requested](#) a 15% fuel surcharge to their current freight weight for limerock hauling. The current price per ton is \$11.75. The surcharge would increase the price to \$11.96 per ton.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the 15% fuel surcharge as requested.*

**c. Recommendation for Veteran Services Officer Candidates**

The following applicants have been ranked in the order of preference:

1. Linda R. Carpenter
2. Deborah Trouba
3. Roy E. Bryant

There was brief discussion.

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board approved the ranking as submitted.*

Incited by a question posed by Commissioner Hersey, Mr. Carter advised that Ms. Carpenter is prepared to begin her employment Tuesday, April 22.

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Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Crawford for filling in as the Veteran Services Officer since the untimely passing of Mr. Hines. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crawford for the assisting with the transition as County Manager. His help has been invaluable.

**d. Proclamation for Peace Officer's Memorial Day**

The [Proclamation](#) is being brought to the Commission at the request of Sheriff Milner.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously Proclaimed May 1, 2008, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day."*

**e. SHIP Change Order—Angela Macey:**

Ms. Macey presented the change order for consideration. The cumulative total is below the SHIP per unit limit but the change order proposal is over \$5,000.00, which requires Board approval.

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the [Change Order](#) as presented.*

**f. Library Hours of Operation**

At the request of the Commission, he has reviewed potential savings by closing the library for one day. It is the recommendation of Ms. Henriksen to close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays instead of 8:00 p.m., and to close all day on Saturday. This will also help with the staffing problems they have been experiencing due to the extended hours.

Discussion ensued.

The new hours will be on a trial basis, will be advertised, and will begin the last week of April.

Commissioner Cooper asked that the new hours be closely monitored.

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**CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:** None.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

--The residents of Lincoln City have requested a recreational park like the one in Pleasant Grove. The first step is to procure land. There was a meeting last night to discuss the possibility of the church donating the land. Should the church be willing to do so, he would appreciate the Board supporting a FRDAP grant for the park.

--Commended the Road Department for continuing the great job in responding to trouble calls.

--Inquired about the status of the Starke Solid Waste Collection Site.

Mr. Carter advised that they are shooting for completion by the end of the month.

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

--Echoed Commissioner Lewis' sentiments regarding the Road Department.

--The meeting attended at the church last night was only to discuss a FRDAP grant for the Lincoln City community. It is his understanding that the press was invited in attend.

--Several citizens in his district have expressed an interest in the Board's intentions for reducing the budget during this tight budget cycle. He would like everyone to know that the Commission as a whole, with Mr. Carter's assistance, is working toward conserving and cutting back.

Chairman Chandler added that the Bookmobile's schedule was changed as another effort to save money.

Mr. Wise advised that a \$40,000.00 estimate was received to repair some washouts at the closed landfill. With the collaborated efforts of the Road Department, Jones Edmonds, and inmate labor, there will be a savings of approximately \$30,000.00.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:**

--Commended the Road Department for their fine work in District I.

--There is a serious dumping issue in Lawtey. He believes it may be Clay County residents who are doing most of the dumping.

--New River Solid Waste has made the adjustments for the City of Starke. The adjustments will not be retroactive, but effective the day of approval.

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**ADJOURN**

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS**