

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008
9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, June 2, 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; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Mark Crawford, Press; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Percy Sullivan, Fire Chief; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Tim Wilson, County Extension Director; Sheriff Milner; Wendy Spierer, Emergency Management; Capt. Randall Zipperer; and Teila N. Pearson, Tax Collector.

(See Supplement File No. 06-02-08 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 9:34 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS

--GRANT APPLICATIONS TO FLORIDA WILDLIFE COMMISSION—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Carter presented the resolution for adoption. This is a follow-up to the request to explore the possibility of floating docks at some of the existing boat ramps.

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE COMMISSION FOR THE FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.”

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On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-08.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF MAY 5, 2008**
- B. RENEWAL FOR FLORIDA WORKS BOARD MEMBERS CRIS ANDERSEN AND ROBERT JOHNSON FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS**
- C. EMS WRITE-OFF ACCOUNTS**
- D. PROCLAMATION “PERCY SULLIVAN DAY”**

Commissioner Thomas asked that Item “D” be removed from the Consent Agenda to be addressed later in the meeting.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved Items A-C of the [Consent Agenda.](#)

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AUDIT—TERRY KITE:

Mr. Kite presented a brief overview the audit. The County received an unqualified opinion, which means everything is fairly presented in accordance with general accepted accounting standards. The County ended the year in strong financial position.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the audit as presented.

(The audit is located in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

FLORIDA WORKS REPORT –LINDA TATUM AND KEN MCGURN:

Ms. Linda Tatum introduced Mr. Ken McGurn, Workforce Chairman.

Referring to a [graph](#), Mr. McGurn said that funding for Workforce keeps getting cut and the number of people being served keeps going down. After making a decision to get the business community involved, those numbers changed and more and more people are being served. The Chamber of Commerce is doing a wonderful job and has made a huge difference in getting services to the people. Chairman Chandler’s efforts and participation is greatly appreciated.

Mr. McGurn then introduced Ms. Angela Pate, Workforce Director.

Ms. Pate expressed her appreciation for the County’s help in assisting them to procure a new van for CISTO to get the transportation system working again. Ms. Pate reported on highlights of [Florida Works activities](#) within Bradford County.

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Commissioner Cooper said that three years ago, he was entirely dissatisfied with the process and was desperate to find a new answer to Workforce. He is thankful for the positive turn-around.

Chairman Chandler said that it has been a pleasure to work with Workforce for the past nine years and this is the best Workforce has ever been. Everyone involved is doing a tremendous job. The changes made are wonderful for Bradford County and the entire Workforce system.

APPROVE EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR FIBER-OPTIC CABLE—NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green said that in the Commission packets is a [memo from IGCF](#) Committee reflecting the approved expenditure of \$54,196.22, for the fiber-ring project and \$617.96 for an annual maintenance agreement. There is a total cost of \$75,905.46. [\\$54,196.22 to be funded by IGCF and \\$21,709.24 to be funded by 911 grants already received.](#)

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the IGCF \$54,196.22 funding request as presented.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the IGCF \$617.00 funding request for the maintenance agreement as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – CHAIRMAN CHANDLER:

Chairman Chandler advised he reviewed the bills and recommends payment.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Chairman Chandler returned to Item “D” on the Consent Agenda.

--PROCLAMATION DECLARING “JUNE 2, 2008 -- PERCY SULLIVAN DAY”

Mr. Carter read the proclamation.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously declared June 2, 2008, as Percy Sullivan Day.

In Mr. Sullivan’s honor, Mr. Carter invited everyone to attend a Dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Western Steer Steakhouse.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER: None.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis Commented on the following:

--Expressed appreciation to all department heads, employees, and constitutional officers.

Commissioner Cooper Commented on the following:

--Reminded the Commission of the Small County Coalition Meeting next Wednesday in Tallahassee. Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos is the guest speaker. He encouraged the Board members to attend.

Commissioner Thomas Commented on the following:

--Echoed Commissioner Lewis’ comments.

Commissioner Hersey Commented on the following:

--The County is very fortunate to have the staff and department heads that we have. Everyone works together to get the job done.

Commissioner Cooper inquired about the County’s drought index. Mr. Johns said that the index is at 575. There is a strong 40% chance of rain this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--He has been contacted by a group of citizens in Lawtey concerning the parking issues at Thompson’s Liquors. They are requesting “No Parking” signs on the County road right-of-way.

After brief discussion, there was consensus to place the signs.

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Commissioner Lewis advised that Ebenezer Church has agreed to donate land for a park. Mr. Carter has forwarded the information to Mr. Brown.

Commissioner Cooper asked about the FRDP grant application deadline. Mr. Carter advised that the deadline for this year was the end of May. It will be cycled through as soon as possible. Mr. Brown is in the process of preparing the deed for the property.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS CONTINUED:

--He and Mr. Carter have a meeting with the LWCI Superintendent to see if they would be willing to mow 200B.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk